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Administrative Order 6:

Due to nationwide public health concerns regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic, the Town of Durham proactively closed its playgrounds at Jackson's Landing and at Woodridge Park on March 17, 2020. In addition, both Jackson's Landing and Woodridge Park/Fields and other Town properties were closed to any organized group/sporting activities or group gatherings until at least June 1, 2020.

The State of New Hampshire subsequently issued [Stay at Home 2.0 Guidelines relative to Amateur and Youth Sports](#) (last updated May 18, 2020 – see attached). Given these updated state guidelines as well as the Town's careful monitoring of other state and CDC recommendations and local use considerations, Durham fields will be reopened on June 1<sup>st</sup> for Amateur and Youth Sports use in accordance with the aforementioned Stay at Home 2.0 Guidelines. Use of municipal fields will require a [Use of Town Property Permit](#) application being submitted and approved in advance. Contact Durham Public Works for more information at (603) 868-5578 or email Assistant to the Director Janice Richard at [jrichard@ci.durham.nh.us](mailto:jrichard@ci.durham.nh.us).

**Highlights** from the aforementioned [Stay at Home 2.0 Guidelines for Amateur and Youth Sports](#) include:

1. Generally speaking, all staff, volunteers, and athletes should bring to sporting events and [wear reusable/washable cloth face coverings](#) over their nose and mouth when around others and not actively engaged in athletics and when social distancing is not possible.
2. Parents/guardians of minors attending a sporting event should be asked to wear cloth face coverings while around other attendees, staff, and athletes when social distancing is not possible.
3. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol must be made readily available by the organizers of the activity to staff and athletes and kept with staff and equipment at all times.
4. Frequent hand hygiene should be required including, but not limited to, hand hygiene upon arrival, before and after meals or snacks, before and after going to the bathroom, before and after touching a person's face or face covering, and prior to leaving the event.
5. Commonly touched surfaces and areas should be frequently cleaned and disinfected by the group organizers according to [CDC guidance](#) at the end of each event. Shared equipment must be cleaned and disinfected between use.
6. Staff, athletes, volunteers, and other attendees should be reminded by group organizers to

maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others.

7. Groups should assign a dedicated staff member (i.e., a safety officer) to monitor social distancing and compliance with protective actions, and to prompt other group staff and athletes about social distancing, hand hygiene, and use of cloth face coverings
8. Athletes and staff must maintain at least 6 feet apart from others at all times.
9. All staff and athletes should report any symptoms of COVID-19 or close contact to a person with COVID-19 to a coach. Staff and athletes should not attend events if they feel sick.
10. During training sessions/practices, parents and other spectators are encouraged to remain in their cars in a designated parking area. However, when/if watching from the sidelines or are outside cars in the parking area, they should maintain safe social distance from others.
11. Sporting events will be limited to small group or team-based training activities. No competition sporting events or contact sports are allowed.
12. Training sessions must be non-contact with focus on skills and drills that can be developed while maintaining physical distancing.
13. Group size is to be limited to 10 total people or less (example: 9 athletes and 1 staff/coach).
14. Multiple groups are allowed to practice in one large area/field as long as the separate groups do not mix or interact in any way (e.g., no floating of coaching or support staff, and no interaction between athletes of different training groups).
15. All training sessions and classes must take place outdoors.
16. Training sessions should be planned and implemented to maintain the minimum of 6 feet of distance between all participants and coaches. In circumstances where closer contact for brief periods of time is necessary, staff and athletes must wear cloth face coverings as discussed above.
17. No teams/groups/athletes from other states are allowed at the sports training events in New Hampshire.
18. Players shall bring their own equipment and not share their personal equipment with other players. Shared training equipment provided by the coaches must be cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidance after every use between athletes.
19. Coaches will carry hand sanitizer with team equipment. Players should carry hand sanitizer in personal equipment bag.
20. Adequate breaks for water and sanitization should be provided and are encouraged to occur between changes in training activities.
21. Athletes should bring their own water bottles. No sharing or common use water bottles or drinking stations.
22. Equipment bags/backpacks of athletes should be placed 6-feet apart. Athletes should not touch other players' bags, equipment or water bottles.
23. Participants should not use bench or dugout areas for storage of personal equipment. Centralized areas for congregating, such as benches and dugouts, should be avoided.
24. An isolation area shall be identified and communicated to all participants at the beginning of every training session for participants that develop symptoms during the activity.
25. All mouth-based activities often encountered with sporting events shall not be allowed. This

includes but is not limited to: spitting, chewing gum, licking fingers, and chewing/spitting sunflower seeds.

26. Coaches shall bring trash bags to sessions and remove all garbage following each session.

The Tennis Courts at Woodridge Park will reopen for Singles Play on June 1<sup>st</sup> in accordance with health/safety guidelines that will be posted courtside.

Playgrounds at Jackson's Landing and at Woodridge Park will remain closed until further notice as the Town continues to monitor healthy/safety considerations surrounding the pandemic.

Organized group events at Town properties will be evaluated on a case by case basis but at this time, they should not exceed 10 people per the Governor's Executive Orders, and will require a Town of Durham [Use of Town Property Permit](#) application being submitted and approved in advance.

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