



Reopen Colchester

Parks and Program Information

Due to COVID-19, several park amenities may be closed. We will update the website as the parks reopen. For more information, please call the Recreation office at (860) 537-7297.

Parks that are currently open: Dog Park, and Airline Trail (closed between Lebanon Ave and Old Amston Rd. due to Bloom Energy project), RecPlex: walking path, tennis courts, basketball courts, playgrounds, pavilion with picnic tables, sports fields, Skate Park, public bathrooms, sports leagues, recreational programs, concession stand and limited events on the Town Green.

Parks that will remain closed until Phase 3: Splash Pad

The Town of Colchester will follow all State of Connecticut mandates and CDC guidelines to ensure that our parks and facilities are as safe as possible for our park users and our staff. These mandates change frequently. We will update the website as often as needed to keep the community educated. Please go to <https://www.colchesterct.gov/parks-facilities>

Splash Pad-OPENING IN JULY (Phase 3)

The Splash Pad will likely open toward the end of July. The park will be open at a 50% capacity, we will hire a splash pad employee to monitor the number of park attendees. Admittance will be allowed for a set period of time, to Colchester residents only. The splash pad will be open for limited hours each day, dependent on the weather.

Playground-OPEN

Based on CDC, State of CT and manufacturer recommendations, our playgrounds will not be cleaned or disinfected. You are encourage to take your own precautions by washing your hands, and your children's hands, with soap and water before and after using the playground. PLAYGROUND CAPACITY IS LIMITED TO 50%, PLEASE USE GOOD JUDGEMENT AND GIVE SPACE TO THOSE AROUND YOU.

Pavilion Rentals-OPEN

The pavilion at the RecPlex can be reserved for private parties by completing the required forms and submitting them to the Recreation Department (forms are available on our website). When no one is using the pavilion, it is open for public use. Please remember to wipe the tables down prior to and after you use them (please bring your own disinfecting wipes or a tablecloth).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

State of Connecticut Reopen Plan

Phase 1, May 20, 2020: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DECD/Covid_Business_Recovery/general-reopen-051920.pdf

Phase 2 will begin on June 17, 2020 as follows-

- Sports, Sports Clubs & Complexes, Gyms, Fitness Centers & Pools:
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DECD/Covid_Business_Recovery-Phase-2/Sports_FitnessCenters- C4 V1.pdf
- Outdoor Events: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DECD/Covid_Business_Recovery-Phase-2/Outdoor_Events C5 V1.pdf

Phase 3- expected in late July, 2020 (Splashpad)

More information about reopening the State of CT can be found here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-Business-Recovery/Sector-Rules-and-Certification-for-Reopen>

Additional Resources

- CDC Covid-19 Resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Youth Sports Leagues:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>
- Splash Pad: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/aquatic-venues.html>

For more information on handwashing: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>

Visit a Park

Current CDC guidelines recommend the following safety precautions should be taken when visiting a park:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/visitors.html>

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