

# Anticipated Summer Programming Levels in Response to COVID-19

*as presented to the Peoria Park District Board of Trustees on April 29,  
2020*



NO



MAYBE



YES



## **No: Swimming Pools**

- Safety Concerns: Large groups of people, lack of social distancing, changing rooms, pool decks, PPE requirements.
- Considerations: While many are waiting to learn more, the staff resources required to get pools up and ready for the season must be deployed now. With anticipated limitations on participation and inability to manage social distancing in this setting, the risks associated with operation of pools in 2020 outweighs the benefit.

## **No: Instructor-Led, Facilitated Programming**

This includes sports, fitness classes, line dancing, yoga, etc.

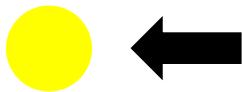
- Safety Concerns: Large groups of people, lack of social distancing, uncertainty of availability of facilities due to phased re-opening.
- Considerations: Many of the District's programs are difficult to offer under current criteria associated with COVID. Further, many of these programs are available in other parts of the community and while some are not, the short-term cessation of programs supports public health goals for reducing the spread of the virus.

## **No: Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum**

- Safety Concerns: Large groups of people, lack of social distancing, closed in spaces that are hard to monitor, target audience is primarily small children
- Considerations: Focused on how children play within configured spaces, Children's Museums across the nation have expressed concern over reopening too soon. Many users in other parts of the country have shared an unwillingness to return too soon. Likely that this will be one of the last PPD facilities to come back online.

#### **No: PPD-facilitated Special Events**

- Safety Concerns: Group size at planned events, inability to require/monitor social distancing
- Considerations: Uncertainty of re-opening timelines create uncertainty for planning and facilitating events, unwillingness of patrons to participate in events where large numbers of people gather



#### **Maybe: Summer Camps**

- Safety Concerns: Group sizes, maintaining social distancing with children, target audience primarily children, cleaning protocols,
- Considerations: Need of local families to access summer camps as childcare for older children, concerns re safety of children and impact of quarantines on staff and users if someone gets sick, implementation of substantial training (beyond already substantial training) for staff, concerns re finding enough staff with COVID concerns/unemployment payments.

#### **Maybe: Community Recreation Centers (FRC, Lakeview, Logan, Owens, Proctor)**

- Safety Concerns: Rec Centers may be hosts to summer camp, too many contacts for tracing? When can cleaning happen if too many programs/events in one location?
- Considerations: Focused programming during summer in locations limits virus spread AND ensures consistent understanding of users about availability of efforts by location.

#### **Maybe: RiverPlex Recreation and Wellness Center**

- Safety Concerns: Inability to manage social distancing, shared equipment, physical exertion/sweating, shared space with at-risk population served by OSF

- Considerations: Uncertainty of re-opening timelines for a membership fee driven facility increases risk. Possible loss of members if don't open when other fitness centers do.

#### **Maybe: Peoria Zoo and Luthy Garden**

- Safety Concerns: Difficulty of social distancing, large areas to monitor and clean
- Considerations: Animals must be cared for regardless of opening, uncertainty of re-opening timelines and group size maximums make it difficult to budget/plan, large area requires coordinated path for visits in order to limit exposure.

#### **Maybe: Rentals**

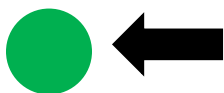
- Safety Concerns: Group size for most rentals, cleaning requirements/staffing needed to monitor and support groups
- Considerations: Uncertainty of re-opening timelines create uncertainty for honoring rentals, booking and cancellation cycle continues, goal to consider best use for facilities when access may be limited

#### **Maybe: Splash Pads and Playgrounds**

- Safety Concerns: Social distancing, non-treated water system
- Considerations: What is normally a low-maintenance amenity may require on-site monitoring, risk inherent with this type of play/amenity... Treat splash pads as playground or a pool?

#### **Maybe: Retail**

- Safety Concerns: Management of tight spaces where social distancing may not be honored or possible; cleaning requirements for retail may increase operational costs significantly
- Considerations: Limited visitorship may result in limited revenues with increased staff cost to keep up with cleaning standards



#### **Yes: Parks and Trails**

- Safety Concerns: Social distancing as weather warms and crowds increase, inherent COVID-19 risk of some amenities located within parks.

- Considerations: Modifications to maintenance levels to balance resources and expense control; closure of some amenities to best manage spread of COVID-19.

**Yes: Golf**

- Safety Concerns: Group gatherings; hand shaking; shared usage of carts, flag sticks, sand rakes; small spaces/gathering associated with food and beverage/pro shops
- Considerations: Adherence to DCEO requirements limits numbers of players who can play, reduces revenues

**Yes: Capital Projects**

- Safety Concerns: Viability of social distancing of some work?
- Considerations: Personal Protective Equipment for staff in those cases; opportunity to cover staff time in bond issue and reduce operational budget costs; get some projects done without impact on visitor experience.

**Yes: Connections with our Community**

- Safety Concerns: Balance encouragement to “get outside” with stay at home order.
- Considerations: Building relationships with new park/trail users; using social media to connect and educate; building the capacity of our staff to reach user in new ways.
  - Priority: Support equity programming in a safe way! Modify the model to encourage social distancing and maximize impact
- Considerations: Daily communications provide real-time, up to date information about District progress and initiatives during a time when there is constant change; focus on gratitude, team building, and relationships in our PPD family.