How COVID-19 is impacting Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation: FAQ
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Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation Administration Building is currently closed to the public. If you cannot find the answer to your question below, please email fun@vbgov.com.

REC CENTERS

When will the recreation centers reopen?
As of July 6, all seven recreation centers have reopened with some restrictions. Currently, the centers are only available to members and reservations are required. For detailed information pertaining to use of the rec centers, please review the Rec Center Reopening FAQ that can be found at VBgov.com/reopen.

Do I have to pay for my membership for the time the rec centers were closed?
We are extending rec center memberships to compensate for the days that we are closed through the end of July at this time. There is no action needed on your part.

How do I renew or purchase a new membership?
At this time, we are not selling any new memberships or renewing those that expired prior to the shutdown.

How do I access my recreation center online account to make a reservation?
Login HERE

Helpful tips:

- If you successfully access your account, no further action is needed.
- If you don't remember your password, select 'Forgot Your Password' and follow the prompts to gain access.
- If you have haven't logged in to the system before, try entering your email as your login name. Then, select the 'Forgot your Password' link from the login screen to retrieve a temporary password via email to access your account.
- Do not create a new account. All current memberships are associated with an online account even if you have not activated/accessed the account previously. Consequently, creating a new account would not be associated with your membership and will not allow you to make reservations.

If you do not have an email on file with us, please call any recreation center for assistance.

When will programming begin again?
Programming is being evaluated and resumed on a program-by-program basis factoring in safety criteria, space availability, staffing levels, and guidance from the state on allowable activities. As programs are made available again, we will make those announcements on our Facebook page and website.

CHILDCARE/ Out-of-School Time Programs
School Year (Before and After School) Programs
We know that securing childcare for the school year is important to many working parents! Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation is working closely with VBCPS to plan for fall before and after school programs that align with the schedule they decide to implement. We do not have a date for when registration will begin, but when we do, we will email our previous customers and post the information on VBgov.com/childcare along with the VBPR Facebook page.

Summer Childcare Programs (Camps):
Summer Childcare Programs (camps) began on Monday, June 15. Registrants have been notified via email with what to expect from this year’s program. If you have any questions, please email ostregistration@vbgov.com.

Sports and Specialty Camps
All indoor sports and specialty camps have been canceled for the remainder of the summer with the exception of the Last Blast Child Care Programs (Camps.) Visit VBgov.com/camps for more information.

Early Childhood Summer Programs:
If you are interested in registering your child for our licensed Early Childhood Summer Camps, please email ostregistration@vbgov.com for information.
Fall registration for school year 20/21 has not begun yet and we do not have a date for when it will begin. Stay tuned for more information!

RISE Summer Enrichment:
Registration for the Summer 2020 RISE Enrichment Program ended on June 12.

SPORTS

When will tournaments and rentals at PAAC resume?
A proposal has been submitted to resume use of fields at PAAC and City View later this month. As soon as we have approval, we will make that announcement. A complete list of updated requirements for use of those fields will be posted on vbgov.com/paac when available.

What is the status of games or practices that were scheduled to take place at park athletic fields and school facilities?
As of July 1, Sports Management resumed athletic ball diamond field rentals for local leagues at Bayville Farms, Red Mill, Lynnhaven and Oceana Parks only. For rental information, please email paacrentals@vbgov.com.
There will be no use of school facilities until further notice by the Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

What is the status of City-run sports leagues?
We will be offering youth flag football, youth fast pitch softball and adult slow pitch softball for the fall. We are awaiting approval to offer adult coed sand football at the oceanfront. We will not be offering youth volleyball or youth tackle football. Please visit vbgov.com/sports for more information.
PARKS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Which parks and amenities are open at this time?
Parks and all park amenities are now open for use including playgrounds, basketball and volleyball courts, dog parks and skate parks. Under the VA Phase III guidelines set forth by the state, social distancing of 6-feet is still required and group sizes are limited to 250 or less. Please adhere to posted signage. Park benches, picnic tables, and other equipment are not sanitized so guests are strongly encouraged to exercise caution and should follow CDC guidelines for handwashing, etc. Park operating hours are as posted.

Parks & Recreation event cancellations include:
- Cherry Blossom Festival
- Earth Day and Earth Day 5K/Mile Fun Run (Race participants should have received an email with options for receiving a refund or donating to the Foundation.)
- Celebrating Children (partner)
- Touch-a-Truck
- Woofstock VB – held virtually on Facebook, May 16 at 5 p.m.
- Firefighter Combat Challenge (partner)
- Seatack Community Day
- VB GIGs Concert Series (partner)
- Mount Trashmore Summer Carnival
- Clean the Bay Day (partner)
- Free Fishing Day (partner)
- Party at the Pier (both June and August dates)
- July 4 Celebration at Mount Trashmore Park (the event at the Oceanfront is also canceled)
- Aloha Back to School Bash
- Water Lantern Festival

What is the status of park shelter rentals?
Shelter rentals have returned to normal. For information on renting a shelter, please visit our website or call the park rental line at 385-PARK (7275).

Can I launch at Lynnhaven Boat Ramp and Beach Facility?
The facility is open for public use. Be aware that we are experiencing an extremely high volume of users at this site, so parking is very limited and fills quickly. To limit contact between customers and staff, fee transactions will be contactless and payment by credit/debit card is required at this time. Customers and visitors should continue to maintain 6-foot social distancing. Beach users must comply with posted COVID-19 beach regulations.

What is the status of the Adopt-a-Program and other volunteer opportunities?
The Adopt-a-Program has resumed. VBPR has a variety of volunteer opportunities available, and those interested should visit VBgov.com/volunteer for information.

Are there any outdoor programs available to register for?
Some outdoor programs including kayak tours have resumed. Information can be found on our registration site.
YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES OFFICE

Will the City still be offering the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)?
The City of Virginia Beach made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Virginia Beach Summer Youth Employment Program. Staff is working on virtual ways to engage these participants in skill-building and financial literacy, so please monitor emails for additional information.

MISC

Where can I get the most current information on Parks & Rec closures and cancellations?
When an update on reopening a facility or a new cancellation is announced, it will be posted on the department’s Facebook page and the website. The City is keeping a list of these on the Coronavirus emergency site as well. If you are on one of our mailing lists, you may also receive an email. To join our email newsletter mailing list, visit VBgov.com/enews.