

City of Gaithersburg  
Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture

POLICIES FOR USE OF ATHLETIC FIELDS  
ADDENDUM A - COVID 19 – Phase 1

The following are additional requirements and policies to be implemented during Phase 1 of the reopening of field for the City of Gaithersburg. Coincides with Montgomery County's move to Phase 1 of the State of Maryland's Road To Recovery. During this time individuals and groups who request and receive a permit for use of a City Athletic Field will be held responsible for the following:

- Athletic fields are only to be used by the athletic field permit holder and at their own risk.
- Must provide to the City a plan to implement a daily screening process for staff and youth athletes, which includes CDC or MDH recommended health questions and screening.
- Groups must also maintain an attendance log of all individuals who are at the field during the time of the rental including date, day and time. This may be used for contact tracing if needed.
- Groups must inform the City if any person who is associated with their group and attended a program at a City field has contracted the Covid 19.
- During this phase individual workouts are allowed to begin.
- NO GAME USE, TOURNAMENTS OR LARGE EVENTS.
- No "group" may exceed 10 individuals at any time.
- Groups must remain 50 feet from other groups. Groups are not allowed to mix, share equipment or compete against one another. Number of groups allowed per field are:
  - Lakelands:Auxilliary-1; Turf-4 (enter/exit from separate gates); Diamonds A & B – 2 groups each.
  - Morris Park: 2 groups per field (must use separate gates on Walker field).
  - Robertson Park: Upper Field – 2 groups; Lower Field – 1 group.
  - Kelley Park: Fields 1, 2 & 3 – 2 groups each.
- Individuals shall maintain 6 feet of physical distance apart whenever and as often as possible.
- Limit all activities to avoid contact with other players.
- Coaches and youth participants always need to wear facemasks and/or face coverings when not involved with drills or activities. Preferred but optional while participating.
- Limit parents/guardians, spectators, and individuals from outside the program at site.
- Participants and coaches appearing sick will be removed from activity until medically cleared.
- Keep each group separate from other groups using social distancing or restricting shared areas during breaks.
- Restrict all team huddles, high fives and handshakes or other close contact activities.
- Frequently clean and disinfect equipment and gear, and all high contact surfaces.
- Field times will be staggered to avoid athletic field permit holders crossing paths. If you stay on an athletic field past your designated timeslot and impact the next athletic field permit holder, you may forfeit future permitted field use.
- If you are permitting fields for multiple teams on the same athletic field, please allow 15-minutes between each team's practice. One team must leave the field area 15 minutes prior to the next team arriving.
- All athletic permit holders **must** communicate the new guidelines to all players and coaches prior to athletic field usage (e.g. via virtual web call or email).
- The City of Gaithersburg reserves the right to establish and enforce policies and procedures over and above those recommended by County, State and Federal guidelines.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>

<https://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/BusinessResource/Youth-Sports-COVID-19-Best-Practices.pdf>

[https://www.marylandsports.us/sites/default/files/Return2Play/MDSports\\_ReturntoPlay%20Report\\_0.pdf](https://www.marylandsports.us/sites/default/files/Return2Play/MDSports_ReturntoPlay%20Report_0.pdf)