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Town of Coventry Department of Parks & Recreation

To: Park Patrons
From: Parks & Recreation Staff
Date: 6/18/2020
Re: Playscapes to Reopen

PLAYSCAPES TO RE-OPEN!

Community transmission of COVID-19 is currently minimal across Eastern Highlands Health District, with the prevalence of cases declining significantly over the past seven week. Our current understanding of transmission of COVID-19 is that outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities, and children are generally at lower risk for severe COVID-19 disease.

Therefore, Eastern Highlands Health District is no longer recommending that playgrounds be closed to the public. Though the risk of transmission of the virus is not zero in any setting where people may come into close contact with one another, the relatively low risk right now must be balanced against the need for youth in our communities to engage in both physical and social activities for their health and well-being.

Our Public Works Department will be removing the security fencing as soon as they possibly can get to it.

Maintain a 6-foot distance from others as much as possible.

- Wear masks when 6-foot distance cannot be maintained, unless wearing the mask would create a health hazard to the wearer.
- Do not use the equipment if you are sick, or in the past 10 days have tested positive for COVID-19 or were told by a health care provider that you have COVID-19, or have been living with someone who has been sick with COVID-19 in the past 2 weeks.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after using the equipment, or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Though transmission of COVID-19 from contaminated surfaces is less likely than from close contact with an infected person, frequently touched objects like playground equipment can result in transmission of COVID-19. Please be aware that the equipment is not cleaned or disinfected regularly. Parents and caregivers must continue to use good judgement in determining whether to allow their children to engage in activities where there is potential for close contact to occur.

This guidance is subject to change at any time the state or regional surveillance COVID-19 data indicates a change in risk associated with community transmission.