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## Phase 1.5 Guidance for Garnett Parks and Recreation Announced

As the State of Kansas enters the most recently added phase, Phase 1.5 of the Plan to Reopen Kansas (COVID-19; Governor's Executive Order 20-29), the City of Garnett Parks and Recreation Department will start the reopening process of opening both the playgrounds within city parks and the Garnett Recreation Center/Goppert Wellness Center.

The City of Garnett playgrounds will reopen to the public on Monday May 18, 2020. With this opening the public is reminded that the parks and recreation staff are not able to clean and sterilize the equipment on a regular basis. With that, please be sure that you are using all precautions to keep both yourself and other safe. Please practice social distancing by not gathering on one piece of equipment or area of the park. Also make sure you are using good hygiene by washing your hands regularly with soap and water and using hand sanitizer.

It is the goal of the City of Garnett that individuals enjoy park amenities while practicing necessary safety measures for you, your children and others.

Along with the opening of public playgrounds, the Parks and Recreation Department will be reopening the Garnett Recreation Center. The following is a synopsis of Phase 1.5 guidance on use of Garnett's parks and recreational facilities:

### Playgrounds

- Playgrounds will be open, but users must follow social distancing guidelines.
- Users are encouraged to wear masks and practice good hygiene.
- Be advised, equipment will not be washed or sanitized on a regular basis.
- Restroom will be open and will be cleaned and checked daily.

### Recreation Center

- The Rec Center will open on Tuesday May 19.
- Use of masks is encouraged but not required.
- Members will have to follow social distancing guidelines.
- If the facility reaches capacity people may be asked to wait to enter or be told to come back at another time.
- Staff will clean regularly throughout the day.
- Set hours of operation will be in place, however, during this phase the option of 24-hour access will not be available.
- Hours of Operation:  
Monday – Friday
  - 5 am-10 am: Open to everyone.
  - 10 am-11 am: At risk visitors only.
  - 2 pm-7 pm: Open to everyone.

#### Saturday

8 am-12 pm: Open to everyone.

#### Sunday

Closed.

- Members will be asked to check in and check out with RecDesk scanner.
- Non-members will register with the front desk and are limited to 60 minutes in the facility.
- No classes.
- No basketball.
- No showers.

#### Swimming Pool

- Will remain closed.

#### Trails – Lakes- Reservoir

- Will remain open to the public.
- Social distancing guidelines will be in place.

#### Santa Fe Depot

- Open to the public.
- Social distancing guidelines will be in place.
- Users are encouraged to use masks but not required and practice good hygiene.
- Restroom will be open and checked daily.

#### Ball Complex/Baseball Fields

- Will be open for public use for individuals and families only.
- No organized team practices or tryouts are allowed.

#### Skate Park

- Open to the public.
- Social distancing guidelines will be in place.
- Users are encouraged to use masks but not required and practice good hygiene.
- Restroom will be open and checked daily.

#### Campgrounds

- Will remain open for use.
- Social distancing guidelines will be in place.

#### Shelter Houses

- Are open to the public to use.
- Social distancing guidelines will be in place.
- Must also abide by group gathering restrictions.
- People using the facilities should practice good hygiene.

#### Disc Golf Course

- Will remain open to public.
- Social Distancing guidelines will be in place.
- Users are encouraged to wear masks but not required and practice good hygiene.
- Please keep the sharing of equipment to a minimum.
- Sanitize equipment after use.

#### Sprint Track

- Open to the public.
- Social distancing guidelines will be in place.
- Persons using the facilities should practice good hygiene.

#### Tennis and Pickle Ball Courts

- Will remain open to public.
- Social Distancing guidelines will be in place.
- Users are encouraged to wear masks but not required and practice good hygiene.
- Please keep the sharing of equipment to a minimum.
- Sanitize equipment after use.

#### Public Outdoor Restrooms

- Will be open to the public.
- Will be checked daily.
- Should be considered for emergency use only.
- Sanitize before and after use.
- Practice good hygiene.

Guidelines and recommendations will be posted throughout the recreation center and in park kiosks to help keep all who visit safe as we continue to move through the reopening phases.

The Garnett Parks and Recreation Department thank you all for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times. For more updates and information please visit the “Open Garnett Again” link on [simplygarnett.com](http://simplygarnett.com).

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