



General County News  
Friday, June 5th, 2020

DO YOUR PART WHILE ENJOYING OUR PARKS

**PLAY IT SAFE**

## Phase 2 Parks & Recreation Details

***Forward Virginia Phase 2 to begin today - Friday, June 5***

Effective Friday, June 5, Virginia will enter Phase 2 of the Forward Virginia plan to safely and gradually ease health restrictions while containing the spread of COVID-19. Read Governor Northam's [Executive Order 65](#) and review the [guidance for businesses](#) to familiarize yourself with what you might expect for the next few weeks.

Please continue to follow CDC recommended practices in our parks:

- Do not enter the park if you are sick
- Keep your hands clean
- Maintain appropriate physical distance
- Do not gather in groups larger than 50 people

## During Phase 2, here's what you can expect for Albemarle County Parks

### Parks Ambassadors

For our most popular parks, our Parks Ambassadors will continue to be present during peak times to greet visitors and share the latest CDC guidance and parks policies. Be sure to say 'Hello!' if you see them!

### Playgrounds

Playgrounds at Albemarle County schools and County parks will reopen. Playgrounds are not sanitized. Please maintain a distance of 6' or more at all times. *Distancing recommendations do not apply to members of the same household.*

### Picnic Tables, Grills, & Shelters

Picnic tables and grills will be available for use. Shelters will have picnic tables placed to allow for proper distancing. We are not taking reservations at this time - shelter use is on a first-come, first-served basis. All shelters in Albemarle County Parks will reopen by Tuesday, June 9.

### **Tennis Courts & Basketball Courts**

Courts will reopen to pick-up/non-organized play. Please remember that these facilities are not sanitized. Due to the physical nature of play, the physical distance requirement is 10' or more between players at all times. Take proper precautions with shared equipment.

### **Athletic Fields**

Athletic fields will reopen to pick-up/non-organized play. Please remember that these facilities are not sanitized. Due to the physical nature of play, the physical distance requirement is 10' or more between players at all times. Take proper precautions with shared equipment. Field reservations are not available at this time.

### **Restrooms**

Restrooms are sanitized daily. Due to the cleaning effort required to safely reopen, bathroom facilities will require additional time to make available for public use. All restrooms in Albemarle County Parks will reopen by Tuesday, June 9.

### **Trails, Open Spaces, and Dog Parks**

These facilities continue to be open. Please maintain a distance of 6' or more at all times. This does not apply to members of the same household. Please follow all posted guidelines.

### **We are still here for you.**

Please visit our website ([www.albemarle.org](http://www.albemarle.org)) or call us at 434-243-7929 for assistance. Specific to COVID-19, visit our COVID-19 resource page ([www.albemarle.org/covid19](http://www.albemarle.org/covid19))

## **What You Can Do**

**First, share this message with your neighbors, friends, and colleagues.**

**[Signup to receive these messages in your inbox.](#)**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a wealth of resources for businesses, households, schools, and faith-based organizations at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus). The CDC is specifically encouraging people to:

- Wear a cloth face covering in all public settings.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people (physical distancing).
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.

- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects (e.g., tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles)

## Stay Up-To-Date on COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Information

- [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\)](#)

The Thomas Jefferson Health District (TJHD) is our community's local public health agency and works closely with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). **TJHD has opened a hotline at (434) 972-6261 to answer questions from the public** regarding COVID-19. At this time, that number is staffed Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. The public can leave messages that will be returned as soon as possible.

If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call 911.

