



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

Frequently Asked Questions – May 21st Update

How long will THPRD buildings be closed?

All THPRD buildings are closed to the public consistent with the State of Oregon's Stay Home, Save Lives order. It is necessary to keep facilities closed to the public until the state and public health authorities deem it is safe to reopen.

Based on the Governor's phased re-opening plans, some recreation centers may be able to open, with limitations, in Phase 2, while other facilities such as the Stuhr Center that serves our 55 and better community, will be closed longer.

Are parks and trails open? What amenities in parks are open?

All THPRD parks and trails are OPEN with temporary use and physical distancing rules in effect.

OPEN Now:

- All THPRD parks and trails
- Community gardens

Opening Saturday, May 23

- Outdoor tennis courts / pickleball courts*
- Skate parks
- Dog parks
- Disc golf
- Bocce courts
- Archery range at PCC Rock Creek

*(*Please note, some tennis courts adjacent to THPRD property are owned by the Beaverton School District. These courts will remain closed per school district rules. In addition, the tennis courts at Cedar Mill Park and Roxbury Park are temporarily closed while the Maintenance Department works to get the courts ready for public use.)*

CLOSED for Now:

- Playgrounds
- Outdoor equipment
- Athletic fields
- Picnic shelters
- Basketball courts
- Swimming pools
- Splash pads
- Restrooms
- Water fountains
- Progress Lake fishing (not enough space for required physical distancing)



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What temporary rules are in effect?

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and in compliance with direction from the state of Oregon the following temporary rules are in effect:

- **Maintain Physical Distance:** Keep 6 feet of distance between your group and other visitors.
- **Follow State Rules for Group Size:** Limit groups to 10 or fewer people who arrived at a site together before Washington County enters Phase 1. Once we are in Phase 1, groups will be limited to 25 people.
- **Be Healthy:** If you have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, stay home. These are symptoms of COVID-19, please call your health care provider.

What are the temporary rules for outdoor tennis and pickleball courts?

- Maintain six-foot distancing from others at all times.
- Don't congregate on courts, in common areas, or parking lots.
- Limit or stagger playing groups.
- Play singles only – doubles play with household members only.
- Clean and sanitize paddles, rackets and water bottles.
- Do not share equipment.
- Use your paddle, racket, or shoe to pass out-of-play balls.
- Consider wearing gloves to help avoid touching pickleballs or tennis balls.
- Coordinate your group so each person serves with a different color or number ball. If that's not an option, mark personal balls for individual use.

Is THPRD requiring park/trail visitors to wear face coverings (or masks)?

Park and trail visitors are encouraged to wear face coverings consistent with state guidance. Visitors are also encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer with them and to be careful to avoid touching surfaces.

Will THPRD offer summer programming? What are the details?

THPRD will be focused on **summer camps exclusively** when programming begins in early July.

- **Youth Summer Camps will be Announced June 1st:** THPRD will begin offering weekly summer camps starting Monday, July 6. Summer camp options will be posted to the district's website on Monday, June 1.
- **Summer Camps Will Start Small:** Due to compliance with state rules and THPRD's current limited operational capacity, the district will begin summer programming by focusing on summer camps for school-age youth. Each camp group will be limited to 10 participants with approximately 30 total camp options per week.
- **Camps Will be Hosted Outdoors:** Based on state guidelines, the first few weeks of summer camp offerings will be centrally based at two locations: the HMT



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Campus and Mountain View Champions Park. Space will be limited, with THPRD able to accommodate around 300 campers per week initially.

- **In-District Registration:** In-district registration will begin Saturday, June 13, at 8 am. Out-of-district registration will begin Monday, June 15, at 8 am. The best way to register is on-line at www.thprd.org. The district will offer in-person registration assistance, a Welcome Center/Centro de Bienvenida at the HMT Campus starting at 7:30 am on June 13. More details will be announced soon.

Why youth programming only? When will adult programming begin?

Due to the closure of facilities caused by the pandemic, THPRD has experienced a significant reduction in our workforce. We do not currently have the staffing capacity to offer programs as we did before and will need time to scale up our operations. Additionally, based on state guidelines, our recreation centers will remain closed for some time, and our programming will be exclusively outdoors. We made the choice to begin small with outdoor summer camps and will scale up to additional programming as we can. We do have a lot of FREE programming available for all ages at our virtual recreation center online at www.thprd.org.

Please check our website as we will release updates on programming options online as our capacity grows.

When will swimming pools open?

We don't know. It is a fluid situation but based on what we are seeing in terms of state guidance, it looks like it will be some time before swimming pools will be able to open. We do not anticipate opening pools this summer.

What about all of the classes? Tennis lessons, gymnastics, sports? When will they begin?

Again, we don't know. At this point our recreation centers must remain closed. When we are able to open facilities, it will be a staggered reopening as we will need time to rehire and build our operations back up.

What about sports leagues? When can affiliates get back on the fields?

Again, we don't know. At this point our athletic fields must remain closed in compliance with state rules. We anticipate when they can reopen, there will be size limitations and physical distancing rules in place. We are optimistic we will be able to accommodate smaller groups for practices later this summer, but it will be some time before games or tournaments will be allowed per state rules.

Are parks or trails overcrowded?

In general, the public is doing a good job complying with physical distancing rules. One of the best things you can do right now is stay local. This is not a time to overload larger community parks. We have had reports of full, or overloaded parking at our larger community park and nature park sites. If a parking lot is FULL, please be responsible and move on to another



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location. We have nearly 100 park sites to visit in the district and want to encourage people to enjoy their local neighborhood park and trails. To help with physical distancing we have instituted temporary one-way loops on some trails.

What about park, field and trail maintenance during this time?

With the closures and staffing reductions, patrons will see a reduction in service levels in terms of maintenance. We are mowing less. We will be watering less. With the end of the spring sports season and the closure of the fields, we are not maintaining the fields for game play readiness. We are modifying our trash pick-up procedures and focusing on minimizing risk for our staff.

At this time, one thing the public can do to help is to minimize trash in parks. We are asking that if you bring it in, please pack it out. We will still have trash collection but need your help reducing the waste in parks during the closure period.

Will the closures be extended? How long will this go on?

The building closures and temporary park and trail rules will stay in effect until public health authorities and the state deem it is safe to lift the restrictions.

Why are the permanent restrooms and portable restrooms closed?

The Governor's Executive Order No. 20-12 states, "On-site restrooms must have trash cans, and soap and water or hand sanitizer available." The majority of restrooms in parks and along trails are portable restrooms and do not have sanitizer within them, therefore to comply with the order, we must close access. Due to concerns over limited supplies, vandalism, and theft of supplies, we are locking all permanent restrooms to ensure compliance with the order.

How will THPRD enforce the new Temporary Park Rules?

Park Patrol staff will be enforcing the new temporary rules, but compliance and cooperation from the public is essential as our staff's ability to respond to every violation will be very limited. Park Patrol will be prioritizing responding to the most critical public safety violations they observe and that are reported by calling 971-246-0169. Violators are subject to an exclusion and/or fine.

In addition to THPRD actions, people found in violation of the Governor's Executive Order may be subject to penalties described in ORS 401.990, a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by up to 30 days in jail, a fine of up to \$1,250, or both, if cited by Beaverton Police or Washington County Sheriff officers.

Will I get a credit or refund for classes or programs I've paid for?

Patrons who registered for programs that required a fee through June 14, 2020, have received a refund.

I have a Deluxe, General Pass, or paid an Out-of-District Assessment, how are these impacted by the closure?



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For patrons with deluxe or general passes, or who have paid out-of-district assessments, THPRD will extend the life of the pass or the assessment for the amount of time the district is closed. All passes will be automatically extended at the end of the closure period. However, as the closures have been extended longer than we originally thought, THPRD leadership is taking a close look at this issue and may consider additional steps to benefit impacted patrons.

My pass expired during the closure and I lost a few days value of my pass. What happens?

Your pass will be extended to reflect the number of days THPRD was closed.

Can I receive a refund for my pass?

At this time, we are focused on extending the passes. If a patron wishes to receive a partial refund, they may contact Sabrina Taylor Schmitt at staylor@thprd.org.

What about shelter, fields or facility rentals?

All rentals are cancelled through the closure period and fees have been refunded. THPRD is not accepting any new rentals at this time.

Is THPRD accepting Financial Aid applications during the closure period?

THPRD will not be processing new requests for financial aid during the closure period. As facilities are closed and there are not programs, classes, or activities for patrons to access, THPRD has temporarily suspended the processing of these applications.

Patrons are still welcome to submit their application to financialaid@thprd.org. Any applications received during the closure period will be processed in the order in which they were received, when the district returns to normal operations.

How can I get the latest information on what is happening at THPRD?

The THPRD website <http://www.thprd.org/district-information/coronavirus-update> is the best source for up-to-date information.

Where can I find resources or information about the virus?

- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- Oregon Health Authority
<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/diseasesconditions/diseasesaz/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx>
- Washington County Public Health Department



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<https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/CommunicableDiseases/COVID-19/index.cfm>