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CITY OPENS PLAYGROUNDS, ENCOURAGES SPORTS TEAMS TO FILE EVENT APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF CITY PARKS

BATAVIA, NEW YORK- All City of Batavia playground equipment will be open for use Monday June 22, 2020. Please continue to take safety measures and continue to observe all public health guidelines related to COVID-19 to reduce risk of transmission. At this time, The City of Batavia will continue to evaluate the New York State Department of Health Guidance in an effort to re-open the City's splash pad and pavilion rentals, but they remain closed this time.

"The City of Batavia is also encouraging sports organizations, including youth baseball and softball, to submit their event application and insurance paperwork if they would like to utilize City playing fields this summer," said Rachael Tabelski, Assistant City Manager.

"Along with the event application sports organizations will need to follow the New York State Department of Health Interim Guidance for Sports and Recreation during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and provide the City of Batavia with a copy of their Safety Plan," said Tabelski.

Application:

[https://www.batavianewyork.com/sites/bataviany/files/uploads/final - event application 1.pdf](https://www.batavianewyork.com/sites/bataviany/files/uploads/final_-_event_application_1.pdf)

NYS DOH Sports & Recreation Guidance:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/SportsAndRecreationMasterGuidance.pdf>

NYS Safety Plan Template:

https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYS_BusinessReopeningSafetyPlanTemplate.pdf

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The City encourages all residents to continue to take safety measures as they use common touch facilities like playground equipment and public bathrooms. Please continue to observe all public health guidelines related to COVID-19 to reduce risk of transmission. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

The following measures are seen as best practices to keep residents safe when using shared equipment:

- Spacing: Families and individuals should stay 6 ft. apart from each other.
- Masking: Families and individuals should wear masks, especially in situations when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Hand Hygiene: Children should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer after use of equipment.
- Cleaning: The City will conduct scheduled cleaning of park equipment, but residents are welcomed to wipe down surfaces before and after use.

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