Facility Rental COVID-19 Guidelines and Procedures

These guidelines will be evaluated and adjusted according to recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, Minnesota Department of Health and other governing agencies.

Group Size

Groups numbers will follow requirements laid out in Springbrook’s “Rental Policies and Procedures” document for facility rented.

General Considerations When Using a Springbrook Facility

To help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses such as COVID-19, users should:

- Stay home if they, their children or anyone in their household are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea

- Use social distancing and maintain at least six feet between individuals, except for members of the same household, in all areas of the park. A “household” means all the people living in the same home or residence, including a shared rental unit or other similar living space.

- Practice good respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene.
  - Users of city parks should wash their hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol in place of soap and water.
  - Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
  - Users are strongly urged to wear a manufactured or homemade cloth face mask or covering.
Cleaning and Disinfecting of Park Space

Due to the challenges of regularly cleaning and disinfecting outdoor public facilities and other shared amenities, users should assume that public space facilities and equipment have not been sanitized. Use of park equipment, space and amenities is done so at the user’s own risk. Indoor restroom facilities will be cleaned once per day.

Springbrook Facility Controls

Springbrook Nature Center will continuously monitor the transmission of COVID-19 and where people are likely to gather and will consider temporary closure of facilities to support social distancing practices, if needed. These areas might include picnic areas, park shelters, etc.

To the extent possible, objects that could be frequently touched and that are not essential to safety have been removed or are closed, including:

- Restrooms are available daily in Springbrook Nature Center’s Interpretive building, from 9am-5pm.
- A single stall PAC restrooms is available for public use from 9am-5pm
- A portable restroom is available in the northwest corner of Springbrook’s parking lot for public use. Users should be aware that supplies such as hand sanitizer and toilet paper may not be stocked within the portable facility. An indoor restroom in the Pavilion Activity Center will be made available renters during their timeslot.
- The Pavilion Activity Center water fountain is not on at this time. Water is available inside the Interpretive Center building.
- Mechanical rooms, storage rooms and concessions stands are closed and are not available for use by the general public (there may be facility rental exceptions).
- Picnic tables have been spread out to allow for social distancing or removed in some cases.

AUTHORITY TO CHANGE OR MODIFY

Circumstances related to COVID-19 are continuously changing and evolving. User groups are to monitor how effective the program has been implemented and carried out. User groups shall communicate any needs or adjustments to Springbrook Nature Center staff. Springbrook will continue to monitor and evaluate operations and procedures and make necessary changes to ensure the safety of users and residents.