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Springfield Park District – COVID-19 Response

[Springfield, IL] – The Springfield Park District is committed to protecting the health and safety of our staff and our community. We would like to assure you that the Springfield Park District is working with the City of Springfield and the Sangamon County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) and following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the monitoring and response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

In accordance with recent CDC and State of Illinois guidelines that have been released and supporting social distancing, respecting the health and well-being of everyone associated with the Park District, we will be taking the following precautions **effective immediately**:

- All group programming classes, activities and events hosted by the Springfield Park District are suspended until further notice.
- All facility rentals will be at the discretion of the renter. If you are renting from the Springfield Park District, you can choose to maintain your rental, reschedule your rental within 6 months at no charge for another open date, or cancel and receive a credit on your account for another future rental. All indoor events will be restricted to the 250 or below guest count and outdoor events will be limited to 500 or less.
- We will be addressing all requests for refunds and credits due to our cancellation or postponement per program.
- In order to help limit the spread of the virus, the Springfield Park District has implemented an accelerated cleaning regimen at all facilities

Rest assured; we will be continually monitoring the news as information develops daily for updated procedures that may need to be taken.

For your personal safety and the safety of others, we ask that you refrain from visiting park areas and facilities if you and/or your immediate family are not feeling well or have travelled to an area that has had positive findings of COVID-19.

We urge you to keep abreast of the latest public health information via the CDC website at www.cdc.gov. Please visit springfieldparks.org for updated information or call the facility in which your program class, activity or event was to be hosted. Our [Website Seasonal Activity & Facility Guide](#) will have a full list of facility contacts and phone numbers.