

Parks & Recreation COVID-19 News and Updates - Clallam County is Currently in Phase 2

Our office remains closed to the public, but we are still available for assistance. Please call 360-417-4550 or email parksandrecreation@cityofpa.us. Please keep in mind, all parks are open, but in as-is condition due to pandemic-related issues and staffing constraints.

What's Opened and Closed: Parks, Facilities, Services and Amenities

All open spaces, playgrounds and trails, including the Waterfront Trail, are currently open per the guidelines provided by the Governor's Office, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Centers for Disease Control.

Please see below for information pertaining to our other facilities, services and amenities, including what's open in Phase 1 and Phase 2 per the "[Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery](#)" plan. This plan will be updated if any additional phases or changes are announced by the Governor's Office. Please see FAQs below for more information.

PARKS, TRAILS & AMENITIES

Phase 1 - Open

- All Parks & Open Spaces (however the front entrance gate to Lincoln Park will remain closed until early Spring 2021*)
- Lincoln Park Dog Park
- Lincoln Park Disc Golf
- Lincoln Park BMX Track: open per their organization's guidelines, approved by the Clallam County Health Department and the City of Port Angeles. Please see their website for more information: <https://www.usabmx.com/tracks/1251>
- Athletic Fields: non-reservable fields, such as Shane Park, Elks Playfield and Lincoln Park, are open for practices and informal recreation
- Elks, Erickson and Hazel Porter Keil Tennis/Pickleball Courts
- All playgrounds, with the exception of the Dream Playground (closed for construction)
- Ediz Hook Boat Launch
- Erickson Playfield Skate Park
- Public Restrooms (3) at the Downtown, Gateway and Shane Park locations

Phase 2 – Additional Openings

- Public Restrooms (3) at the Downtown, Gateway and Shane Park locations (we anticipate reopening additional restrooms with the hiring of seasonal staff in early Spring 2021)
- Sanikans available at Ediz Hook as of February 16, 2021

FACILITIES, RENTALS & EVENTS

Phase 1

- Rental facilities are currently closed; however, facilities may be available to the Community for COVID-19 related needs.
 - Affected facilities include:
 - Jessie Webster Campfire Clubhouse
 - Lincoln Park Clubhouse
 - Lincoln Park Loomis
 - Vern Burton Community Center

Phase 2

- Rental facilities are currently closed; however, facilities may be available to the Community for COVID-19 related needs. The reopening of these facilities will occur in future phases of the “Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery” plan.
 - Affected facilities include:
 - Jessie Webster Campfire Clubhouse
 - Lincoln Park Clubhouse
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 - Vern Burton Community Center

SPORTS FIELDS & PROGRAMS

The "Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery" plan defines sports using the following risk categories:

- **Low risk sports:** tennis, swimming, pickleball, golf, gymnastics, climbing, skating, archery, fencing, cross country, track and field, sideline/no-contact cheer and no-contact dance, disc golf
- **Moderate risk sports:** softball, baseball, t-ball, soccer, futsal, volleyball, lacrosse, flag football, ultimate frisbee, ice hockey, cricket, crew, field hockey, school bowling competitions
- **High risk sports:** football, rugby, wrestling, cheerleading with contact, dance with contact, basketball, water polo, martial arts competitions, roller derby

Phase 1

- Low and Moderate risk sports are permitted for practice and training, only (no tournaments)
- Outdoor tennis/pickleball courts are open (all indoor courts remain closed until further notice)
- Non-reserved athletics fields, such as Shane Park, Elks Playfield, Lincoln Park, are open for informal recreation
- Facial coverings required at all times

Phase 2

- Low, Moderate and High-risk sports permitted for practice, training and competition for outdoor athletic fields only (no tournaments)
- Outdoor tennis/pickleball courts are open (all indoor courts remain closed until further notice)
- Formal user groups will be required to submit a safety plan subject to approval prior to consideration for use in Phase 2
 - Please contact and submit safety plan to the Clallam County Public Health Officials for approval. They can be reached at publichealth@co.clallam.wa.us
 - Once plan is approved by County Officials, please submit to the Parks & Recreation Department for additional approval
- Maximum 200 people allowed at outdoor competitions, including spectators
- Facial coverings required at all times

***The reopening of indoor athletic facilities will be determined at a later date.**

****The Parks & Recreation Department is currently evaluating Adult Sports Programs. Please check back for updates.**

OCEANVIEW CEMETERY

Phase 1

- Per the Governor's Office, formal services are allowable outdoors. Outdoor ceremonies are limited to 30 people. At least six feet of physical distancing between households is required.

Phase 2

- Per the Governor's Office, formal services are allowable, following appropriate venue requirements. If food or drinks are served, eating and drinking requirements apply. Dancing is prohibited.

PORT ANGELES SENIOR CENTER

Phases 1 & 2 – The Senior Center will remained closed during Phases 1 and 2 (until further notice).

- The Senior Center is closed to protect the health of customers. However, it continues to utilize the OlyCap Senior Nutrition program - limited to pick-up and delivery of meals. If you have questions regarding OlyCap's meals, please contact them at 360-457-8921.
- All tax aide appointments are being scheduled via phone at 30-452-6147. All tax aide appointments will be utilizing a drive-up service.
- Additionally, please contact 360-457-4554 for information regarding virtual program offerings from the Senior Center.

FAQs

How can I recreate responsibly?

Please follow the guidelines provided by the Governor's Office, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

Before You Go

- **Come prepared.** You are advised to bring your own hand sanitizer, as well as a mask to cover your nose and mouth. Please note: visitors will find reduced restrooms services at this time.
- **Keep groups small.** Recreation with those outside of your household creates new avenues for virus transmission. For outdoor gatherings, the Governor's Office advises a maximum of 10 people from a maximum of 2 households during Phase 1, and a maximum of 15 people from a maximum of 2 households during Phase 2.
- **Enjoy the outdoors when healthy.** If you have symptoms of fever, coughing, or shortness of breath, save your outdoor adventure for another day.

When You Get There

- **Avoid crowds.** Be prepared to go somewhere else or come back another time if your destination looks crowded.
- **Practice physical distancing.** Keep six feet between you and those outside your immediate household. Launch one boat at a time to give others enough space to launch safely. Leave at least one parking space between your vehicle and the vehicle next to you. Trailer your boat in the same way.
- **Practice personal hygiene:** Wash your hands often, cover coughs and sneezes, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, and throw used tissues in the trash.

Why are many restrooms still closed?

Important factors affecting Parks' level of service include workforce capacity and ability to provide facilities, such as restrooms, in a manner that is safe for our employees and park visitors.

Restrooms are areas where physical distancing can be challenging. Keeping them sanitized to prevent the spread of the virus requires a higher level of service than we are able to provide due to limited protective supplies and limited staffing.

We anticipate reopening additional restrooms with the hiring of Seasonal Staff in early Spring 2021.