



Keeping your Athletic Facilities and Playgrounds Closed

While it is tempting for families in quarantine to utilize school athletic facilities and playgrounds, it is important to make sure these facilities are closed for usage.

- It is not known yet whether weather and temperature impact the spread of COVID-19. According to the CDC some viruses, like the common cold and flu, spread more during cold weather months, but that does not mean it is impossible to become sick with these viruses during warmer months.
- With schools, workplaces and other non-essential businesses closed, adults and children may seek out facilities such as athletic fields, parks or playgrounds for activity.
- Close and secure all indoor and outdoor athletic facilities, including public community areas such as pools, fitness centers and athletic complexes. Provide signage outside all these areas so any potential visitors understand the facilities are closed.
- Because of the difficulty in frequently cleaning and disinfecting high-touch areas on playground equipment, it is recommended that all playgrounds be closed and provided with signage explaining the need for closing to protect the community from further spread of the virus.
- Consider providing additional barrier protection to deter the local community from attempting to access school facilities during these closures (e.g., 'A' framed traffic barricades, temporary construction fencing, caution tape or by securing access gates).
- Continue to frequently clean and disinfect playground equipment with a disinfectant recommended by the Center for Disease Control's website. Check with your playground equipment manufacturer to confirm that these products will not harm your equipment or void your warranty.