

# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Waukegan Park District's Field House Sports, Fitness & Aquatics Center Implementing New Safety Protocols**

**Waukegan, Illinois (November 19, 2020)** – The Waukegan Park District's Field House Sports, Fitness & Aquatics Center is implementing safety protocols to comply with the new Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations announced by Governor JB Pritzker.

The following safety protocols will go in effect on Friday, November 20, 2020:

- **Reservations:** Along with the new capacity limit, reservations will be required to enter the facility. To reserve a timeslot, members will have to call (847) 782-3300.
- **Face Coverings:** Face coverings will continue to be required to enter the facility and must be worn at all times, including during physical activity.
- **Fitness Center:** All members and users will continue to be required to sanitize their equipment before and after each use. Reservations are required.
- **Aquatics Center:** The Aquatics Center will be open for lap swim only. Reservations are required.
- **Basketball Gymnasium:** The basketball gymnasium will be limited to one person per basketball hoop. Reservations are required.
- **Group Activities:** All group activities, including group exercise classes and swim lessons, are canceled until further notice.
- **Lockers:** The use of lockers will be prohibited until further notice.

The Waukegan Park District reminds all individuals to wash their hands, wear a mask, and watch their distance to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. The safety and health of the community and staff have been and remain the Waukegan Park District's top priority. For more information, contact Shelby at [smcdonald@waukeganparks.org](mailto:smcdonald@waukeganparks.org) or (847) 782-3628.

#### **About the Waukegan Park District**

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 50 properties and more than 737 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan's Greg Petry SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, splash pads, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. A full range of programs and services are offered year-round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 63 full-time and over 230 part-time, seasonal, and temporary

employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program. The District has received Government Finance Officer Association awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for eight consecutive years. The district was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, and 2019.

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