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Outdoor Attractions**

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What's in this guide?

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## Cautiously reopening Chicago requires:

### Healthy interactions

#### Social distancing



Limitations on physical distance to other individuals

#### Gathering size



Limitations on gatherings of individuals

#### Protective gear



Use of protective gear by individuals

#### Hygiene requirements



Ensuring hygienic interactions (e.g., hand washing)

### Safe spaces and conditions

#### Entry access



Entry/exit condition for access to space

#### Cleaning standards



Actions taken to disinfect space

#### Visual guidance



Hygiene resources and guidance posted in space

#### Workplace conditions



Evaluation of foot traffic, ventilation, etc.

### Operational resilience and monitoring

#### Flexible models



Flexibility with sick leave, remote work (when possible)

#### Operational resiliency



Support for operational flexibility (e.g., multiple shifts)

#### Travel guidelines



Restriction of movement of people between locations

#### Testing / tracking

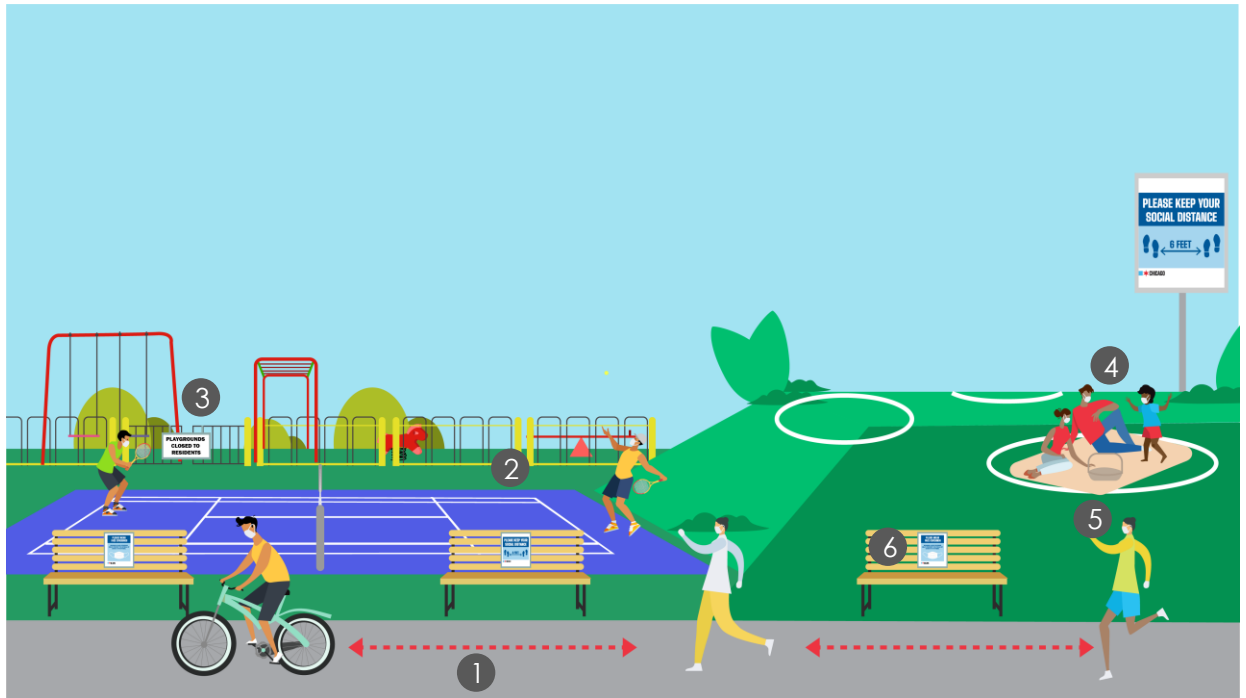


Facilitation of testing and tracking

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Illustrative example

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## What may be different?

- 1 Runners, joggers, bikers and walkers encouraged to maintain **>6 ft distancing** while exercising
- 2 Outdoor activities limited to **non-contact sports** in **small groups only**
- 3 **Playgrounds are temporarily closed**
- 4 **Social groups maintain physical distancing** in open spaces
- 5 Participants / attendees of parks and outdoor attractions **required to wear face coverings** at all times
- 6 **Visual signage** posted throughout park regarding social distancing, proper PPE and more

- Recommended guidance -

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Healthy interactions



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**Social  
distancing**

## Ensure >6 ft distance between all individuals, where possible

- Ensure social distancing in larger, public spaces (e.g. parks) via dedicated staff (where appropriate)
- If applicable, control gate/entry of attractions
- Utilize physical barriers (e.g., temporary gates) to help regulate flow of foot traffic in choke points
- Remind runners, joggers, and walkers with signage to maintain 6 ft distancing while exercising
- Limit outdoor activities to non-contact sports only; close off other courts / fields (e.g., basketball)



**Gathering  
size**

## Limit capacity and gatherings in open spaces to no more than 10 individuals

- Limit gatherings to no more than 10 individuals in large public and private outdoor spaces (e.g., parks) via dedicated staff (where appropriate)
- Limit capacity to 25% at all times for complementary indoor components for outdoor attraction facilities (e.g., restroom facilities, field houses, and indoor exhibit spaces) including during inclement weather (unless barring individuals from shelter would create a safety hazard)

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## Ensure face coverings for all individuals; protective gear provided to all staff

- In any outdoor and indoor common spaces, face coverings must be worn over nose and mouth (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- If practical, where close contact required (e.g., ticketing booths), use physical barriers (e.g., plexiglass) or personal face shields



## Encourage hand washing and hand sanitizing for all guests

- Use signage to remind attendees and staff of proper hygiene protocols
- For closed-off outdoor attractions, set up hand sanitizer or hand washing stations easily accessible for attendees and staff
- Provide health and safety training for employees related to COVID-19 upon initial return to work

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Safe spaces and working conditions



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Entry  
Access

## Establish health requirements for individuals and employees to enter

- Prior to leaving home, all individuals encouraged to self-identify symptoms and stay at home if symptomatic
- Place signs at entry points requesting attendees do not enter the area if they are unwell or have COVID-19 symptoms (e.g., non-verbal agreement)
- Prior to entering establishment, employees self-screen to ensure no symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., questionnaire – see appendix)
- Close pools and spray pools



Cleaning  
standards

## Maintain rigorous cleaning standards for high-touch items

- Sanitize frequently touched items regularly (e.g., crosswalk call button, door handles)
- Close areas where frequent daily cleaning is not possible (e.g., playgrounds)
- Eliminate access to highly-touch and unnecessary surfaces (e.g., interactive graphics)

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Visual  
guidance

## Utilize signage, announcements, and visual markers

- Post signage for attendees regarding health protocols and recommendations
- Communicate standards and attendee expectations (e.g., face coverings, social distancing) proactively before arrival when possible (e.g., via website, email)
- Post non-verbal agreements that attendees are not to come to the outdoor space/attraction if they have any COVID-19 symptoms



Work-  
place

## Optimize flow of traffic

- Regulate flow of foot traffic in choke points
- If practical and applicable, establish directional paths, hallways, doors, or passageways for foot traffic (indoor and/or outdoor)
- Follow appropriate engineering guidelines for operating heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems for indoor spaces
- If practical, increase airflow of indoor spaces (e.g., windows, ventilations) according to [CDC guidelines](#)

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## Operations and monitoring



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**Flexible models**

### Limit in-person work where possible

- Provide opportunity for non-essential staff to work remotely when possible
- Identify teams of essential staff to reduce overlap in workforce



**Operation resiliency**

### Implement cautionary payment measures, e.g.

- If practical and applicable, encourage cashless transactions (e.g., for ticketed attractions)
- If applicable, restrict attendance to reservation only (e.g., for ticketed attractions)



**Travel guidelines**

### Limit unnecessary company travel

- If applicable, limit staff travel across multiple locations



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Testing/  
Tracking

### Follow CDPH and CDC guidance for testing and tracing protocols

- If employee does contract COVID-19, they must follow all CDC guidelines before returning to work
- If an employee is identified as being COVID-19 positive by testing, cleaning and disinfecting must be performed according to CDC guidelines
- Any employee who has had close contact with co-worker or any other person who is diagnosed with COVID-19 should self quarantine according to CDC guidelines
- If a facility becomes aware of 2 or more cases possibly associated with an establishment over a 14 day period, employers are required to report cases to CDPH
- Follow all other CDPH guidance set forth and comply with CDPH recommendations in response to a workplace outbreak

- Recommended guidance -





## Glossary

**Gathering:** A planned or spontaneous event where individuals are interacting with non-household members within close proximity (<6 ft) for an extended period of time

**Handwashing:** The act of thoroughly cleaning one's hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using a disinfectant capable of eliminating the virus that causes COVID-19

**Social distancing:** The physical spacing of at least six feet between individuals, or groups of individuals.

**PPE:** Personal protective equipment (e.g., face coverings, goggles, face shields); requirements vary based on industry and specific circumstances

**Self-screening:** A protocol by which an employee answers questions at the start of a shift. Subject to the guidance of the Commissioner of Health, the questions may include:

- Have you had a body temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit or have you used a fever reducer in the previous 24 hours to treat a body temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit?
- Do you have a new cough that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Do you have a new or worsening sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Do you have new shortness of breath that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Have you recently developed a complete loss of smell or taste?

## Self-screening sample questionnaire



## General workplace guidance

## Outdoor guidance

## Disclaimer

### National resources for further guidance

**CDC** – *Activities and Initiatives Supporting the COVID-19 Response and the President's Plan for Opening America Up Again:*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/php/CDC-Activities-Initiatives-for-COVID-19-Response.pdf>

**CDC** – *Guidance for Businesses and Workplaces*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html>

**OSHA** *Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19:*

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

**CDC** – *Guidance for Gatherings and community events:*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/index.html>

**CDC** – *Guidance for Parks and Recreational facilities:*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/index.html>

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