



Park Shelter Reservation Recommendations

The City of Merrill Parks & Recreation Department will begin renting park shelters as of July 1st, 2020. After consultation with the Lincoln County Health Department, it was recommended that we provide the following guidelines (Lincoln County COVID-19 Recommendation #1) to all shelter renters. Please read the following recommendations and sign the bottom of this document acknowledging your understanding of the recommendations.

Lincoln County COVID-19 Recommendation #1

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We recognize that the State of Wisconsin and Lincoln County have made great progress in controlling the spread of COVID-19. It is essential that we all do our part in doing what is reasonable and necessary to stop the transmission of COVID-19. Lincoln County is issuing the following recommendations as part of its continued commitment to control the transmission of the virus throughout our communities. We will continue to monitor data such as disease and disease exposure in the community, percent of those tested, and hospital capacity to assist us in monitoring the current situation. This data will assist us in modifying recommendations and best practices as needed.

1. Safety of Individuals:

For individual health and the safety of the community, all individuals should:

- a. Maintain new social norms such as physical distancing, good hygiene, and frequent cleaning.
- b. Avoid gathering in large groups over 50.
- c. Wear a cloth face covering in order to protect those around you.
- d. Stay home when sick; do not go to school or work and avoid congregate settings. Contact and follow the advice of your medical provider and public health department.
- e. Monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19, isolate from others if you develop symptoms.
- f. Sick or symptomatic individuals who are experiencing symptoms are strongly encouraged to be tested.
- g. If you test positive for COVID-19 or are exposed to someone, follow local health official directives regarding isolation and quarantine.
- h. To the extent possible, vulnerable individuals should continue to stay home, wear a face covering when making essential trips, and not be exposed to large groups.
- i. The recommendations listed above are especially important for protecting our vulnerable populations defined as people with compromised or weakened immune systems, and people with serious underlying health conditions.

2. Mass and Social Gatherings.

Mass gatherings are those planned or spontaneous indoor or outdoor events with a large number of people in attendance. Mass gatherings should only be held if all of the following strategies are met:

- a. Lincoln County Health Officials recommend gatherings should not exceed more than 50 people; and**
- b. Indoor events should limit number of individuals to not exceed more than 25% of the total occupancy limit established by the local municipality; and**
- c. Physical distancing of 6 feet must be maintained at any gathering; and**
- d. In order to reduce disease spread, face covering is recommended. It is important to know that face covering does not take the place of 6 feet physical distancing; and**
- e. Frequent cleaning and disinfection, including hand washing/hand sanitizer availability; and**
- f. No sharing of equipment, supplies, food (potlucks) etc.**

3. Recreation and Amusement Activities

- a. Planned events must be scheduled to ensure that social distancing can be maintained between all individuals at all times.**
- b. Seating, stations, or recreational areas must be spaced to ensure at least 6 feet of social distancing between each individual.**
- c. High touch areas including door handles, rides, railings, buttons, games, touch screens, and equipment must be disinfected between each use. If it is not possible to do so, the area must be closed.**
- d. Large Events : Such as festivals, parades, concerts at this time are detrimental to the health of our community and should not be held.**
- e. Outdoor Playgrounds: It is not recommended to have playgrounds open at this time.**
- f. Low Contact Recreation Activities: Recommended with best practices implemented; limited number of people participating, good hygiene, no sharing of equipment, and 6 feet distancing.**
- g. High Risk Recreation Activities: All contact sports are only recommended with household members at this time.**

Note for all renters: It is important to cooperate with Public Health investigations related to COVID-19 confirmed or suspected cases related to the reservation, including excluding participants based on public health recommendations and assisting public health with identifying and contacting.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the recommendations.

NAME OF PERSON RENTING FACILITY

DATE