



FALL 2020

PROGRAM UPDATES



GENERAL OVERVIEW

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department is providing a variety of programs and activities to serve the needs of residents in our community, which include options for participants of all ages, from preschool to seniors, at locations throughout the city.

We understand that our programs and facilities serve a vital role in our community, and we have

worked diligently with Columbus Public Health to develop plans, practices and protocols to safely and securely reopen those options that are most needed by the neighborhoods we support. Our goal remains to provide quality, affordable and accessible programming to the residents of our city, in ways that are safe, support needs and, most of all, are enjoyable.

KEEPING YOU SAFE

The health and safety of participants and staff is our top priority. We have implemented rigorous, department-wide procedures, which include:

- Registration and class size are limited.
- All participants must complete a waiver form at the time of registration, either online or in person.
- Access to our facilities is limited to registered participants and staff, with the exception of those who are on-site for in-person registration.
- Participants must perform daily wellness checks at home. If you are feeling sick (cough, fever, nausea, runny nose, etc.), you must stay home.
- Face coverings must be worn at all times unless otherwise noted.
- Staff will perform temperature checks on each participant when they arrive at our facilities.
- Social distancing — staying six feet away from others — must be observed at all times, with an understanding of the challenges and limitations for social distancing with very young children and individuals with disabilities.

View the full list of COVID-19 precautions for all Columbus Recreation and Parks Department facilities here: [Columbus.gov/RecParksCOVID19](https://columbus.gov/RecParksCOVID19).

CRITICAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES

APPS

Our Youth and Family Development team provides family intervention services in the following focus areas: Alcohol, Opioid and Drug (AOD) Intervention, Breathing & Mindfulness, Expressive Writing & Music, Homework Help, Job Readiness, Mediation & Conflict Resolution, Mentorship, Resource Connection and System Navigation. Services are available at the locations below. **Please note that times will vary based on location.**

- **William H. Adams Community Center**
- **Dodge Community Center**
- **Douglas Community Center**
- **Driving Park Community Center**
- **Far East Community Center**
- **Feddersen Community Center**
- **Glenwood Community Center**
- **Marion Franklin Community Center**
- **Scioto Southland Community Center**

Contact our APPS team directly for assistance or to schedule an appointment. No walk-ins please.

- **Teaira Ridgeway**, 614-813-1171
Breathing & Mindfulness, Homework Help, Job Readiness, Mentorship
- **Marvin Demby**, 614-893-9414
Expressive Writing & Music, Homework Help, Mentorship
- **Tanisha Calhoun**, 614-649-3758
Homework Help, Mentorship, Resource Connection, System Navigation
- **Thaddeus Alexander**, 614-645-1343
AOD Intervention, Homework Help, Mediation and Conflict Resolution, Mentorship

For more information about the APPS program, visit ColumbusRecParks.com/APPS or call 614-645-8430.

Food Access

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department is a key partner in our community's mission to provide food access to residents. The pandemic emergency has made this work even more critical,

with thousands of children spending the school day at home. To help meet this increased need, we will continue our free produce markets through the end of the year. Visit GoLunch.club for a site near you.

CLASSES, ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS

Registration

■ **Classes and Activities**

Register online via Activenet, or stop by the center of your choice to register in person.

■ **Fitness Rooms**

Visit Columbus.gov/Fitness to sign up for a time block, or stop by the center of your choice to reserve a time block in person.

■ **Sport Leagues/CRPD Sports**

Visit CRPDSports.org for more information, rules for play and to register your team.

Should you need assistance with the registration process, call or stop by your neighborhood community center and our staff will be happy to assist you.

AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

Aquatics

The Columbus Aquatics Center is open for swim lessons, water aerobics, open swim and lap swimming. All open swim sessions will require advance registration for scheduled time blocks.

Additional Safety Precautions

Participants will experience the following precautions when visiting the Columbus Aquatics Center:

- Children ages 14 and under must be supervised by a registered parent/guardian; those ages 8 and under must have a parent/guardian within arm's reach at all times.

- All participants and staff are required to wear face coverings when entering and exiting the building, while on deck and in common areas, however, they are not required while in the pool.
- While locker rooms will be available for changing, lockers will not be available for use.
- Showers will remain closed until partitions are installed (expected by mid-fall).

For more information, visit

[Columbus.gov/Aquatics](https://columbus.gov/aquatics) or call 614-645-6122.

Active Learning Sites

Our 29 community centers are serving as Active Learning Sites that offer time blocks for independent school study and homework assistance. Students can bring their computer – or access a computer if needed – to complete and get assistance with schoolwork.

Each community center follows the same scheduled Monday-Friday:

- **Morning study/activity block:** 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

- **Lunch:** 12-12:30 p.m.

- **Afternoon study/activity block:** 12:30-3 p.m.

There is no cost to families. All participants must register in advance via [Activenet](https://activenet.org) at bit.ly/CRPD-Register.

Community Centers

Our 29 community centers are providing preschool activities, arts classes, recreational sports (skills and drills only), fitness classes and access to fitness rooms for residents of all ages.

In partnership with Columbus City Schools, several locations are serving as Active Learning Sites that offer time blocks for independent school study and homework assistance. Please check center schedules on [Activenet](https://activenet.org), our online registration portal, for details.

Additional Safety Precautions

Participants will experience the following precautions when visiting our community centers:

For preschoolers (ages 5 and under):

- One parent/guardian is permitted in

the building with a registered preschool student. No other non-registered individual may be on-site. This includes siblings.

- The parent/guardian must wear a face covering while in the building and must remain in the designated area while their child is participating in their program, class or other activity.
- Open Gym will not be available.
- Only non-contact sports will be offered.
- Fitness rooms are available in time blocks. Users must register in advance and must sanitize equipment before and after use.

For more information, visit

[ColumbusRecParks.com/CommunityCenters](https://columbusrecparks.com/communitycenters) or call 614-645-3300 and select option 3.

Cultural Arts Center

The Cultural Arts Center (CAC) is offering classes in painting, drawing, ceramics, jewelry making and more, along with opportunities to explore both art galleries.

Additional Safety Precautions

Participants will experience the following when visiting the Cultural Arts Center:

- Participants must wash or sanitize hands before entering art studios.

- Participants must sanitize hands before and after using equipment.
- Only one person is permitted in the elevator at a time, with the exception of individuals requiring assistance and families/members of the same household.

For more information, visit CulturalArtsCenterOnline.org or call 614-645-7047.

Get Active

Get Active members have access to fitness sites and equipment, as well as fitness and yoga classes. Silver & Fit, Active & Fit and Silver Sneakers classes will also be available.

Additional Safety Precautions

- Fitness rooms are available in time blocks. Users must register in advance and must

sanitize equipment before and after use. This includes youth ages 14-17, who must be accompanied by a registered adult.

- Participants must provide their own yoga mats.

For more information, visit ColumbusRecParks.com/GetActive or call 614-645-3950.

Outdoor Recreation

Opportunities at our McKnight Outdoor Education campus include classes, hiking, geocaching and other outdoor activities.

Additional Safety Precautions

- Some activities, including adventure programming, may require a supplemental waiver. A staff person will make these available online following registration and at onsite sign-in.

- Arrive prepared for current and variable weather conditions. Activities will take place outdoors rain or shine.
- If a program is canceled due to severe weather conditions, a staff person will contact you as soon as possible.

For more information, visit Columbus.gov/OutdoorRecreation or call 614-645-3380.

Seniors (50+)

Offerings for seniors ages 50 and up include fitness classes, line dance, and arts and crafts. Please note that Martin Janis programming has temporarily moved to Thompson Community Center.

Additional Safety Precautions

Participants will experience the following when visiting our 50+ and multigenerational facilities:

- No lingering in hallways or common area. Please go directly to your assigned activity room. If finished with activities, please exit the building promptly.
- Registered participants waiting on transportation must wait in the designated waiting area.

For more information, visit [ColumbusRecParks.com/Seniors\(50+\)](https://ColumbusRecParks.com/Seniors(50+)), or call 614-645-3300 and select option 3.

Sports

CRPD Sports is offering league and tournament play for all sports, in addition to athletic facility rentals.

Additional Safety Precautions

- Everyone must adhere to social distancing – maintaining six feet of distance – on the fields and in common areas.
- No-touching rules are implemented wherever possible (handshakes, etc.)

- Congregating in parking lots, on sports fields and in common areas is not permitted.
- Bleacher seating is limited and marked for social distancing. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own chairs.
- Please view the full list of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department safety protocols for Sports and sporting events [CRPDSports.org](https://www.crpdsports.org)

Visit [CRPDSports.org](https://www.crpdsports.org) for more information, rules for play and to register your team.

Therapeutic Recreation

Our adaptive and inclusive options include fitness classes, adaptive sports and the Quest Afterschool Program.

Additional Safety Precautions

Participants will observed the following precautions:

- Registered participants are expected to clean equipment before and after each use/session.
- Accompanying parent/guardian and or caregiver must be a registered participant, and must remain with registered child/individual at all times.

- Registered parent/guardian, caregivers and participants waiting on transportation must wait in the designated area.
- Masks must be worn and social distancing maintained in waiting area at all times.
- Only one person is permitted in the elevator at a time, with the exception of individuals requiring assistance and families/members of the same household.

For more information, visit [Columbus.gov/TherapeuticRec](https://www.columbus.gov/TherapeuticRec) or call 614-645-5648.

VOLUNTEERS

Interested in volunteering? We have a variety of opportunities available for volunteers - those who have supported us for many years and those who are new to our programs and services - and we have implemented the necessary protocols and procedures to ensure everyone's safety.

Email volunteers@columbus.gov for more information.

CONTACT US

For the latest information and updates, visit [Columbus.gov/RecParksCOVID19](https://www.columbus.gov/RecParksCOVID19), call 614-645-3300 (and select option 3) or follow us on social media.

