The City of Evanston Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is pleased to announce the reopening of our outdoor basketball courts as an outdoor recreation activity in Phase 4 by providing guidelines to manage the health and safety of our community.

By reopening, our intention is to provide another opportunity for a healthy outdoor activity while keeping within the recommended guidelines of the State of Illinois. We will continuously evaluate the situation and inform the community of any decisions made. We recognize the seriousness of the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and urge residents to stay home if they are sick, or if they’ve been in contact with someone who is sick.

Guidelines:

- Read the guidelines and court rules.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Stay home if you have household members who are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms.
- Individuals at high risk of COVID-19 should stay home.
- Wash your hands before and after you visit or use hand sanitizer and sanitize frequently and immediately after playing.
- Playing individually or with household members is strongly encouraged.
- Only a maximum of 10 people are allowed on the court at any given playing session.
- The basketball courts are limited to non-contact games. Maintain a physical distance between players with the exception of the incidental contact between members of the same household.
- Face coverings may be challenging for players (especially younger players) to wear while playing. Face coverings should be worn by coaches and spectators as much as possible. Wearing cloth face coverings is most important when physical distancing is difficult with non-household members.
- Bring your own uniform, towels, etc. (no sharing of these items, please)
- Clean and disinfect shared equipment between use by different people, such as basketballs, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread.
- Avoid touching your face after handling a ball.
- No hand shaking, hugging or high fives of non-household members
- Remain apart from other players that are not of the same household members when taking a break.
- No spitting during games.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.
- Take home any material that you brought to the court with you.
- Do not bring any pets or animals to the courts.
- Report incidences of noncompliance.

If these rules are not followed, the City of Evanston reserves the right to close the courts immediately or take other steps as needed. Additionally, if the Health and Human Services Department or the Governor issues mandates closing outdoor courts and/or Illinois Department of Public Health adjusts their recommendations, the City of Evanston will act accordingly.

If there are any concerns or questions, please text or call 847-448-4311.