



Phase One Plan for Limited Reopening of Parks and Some Athletic Fields

As part of the Commonwealth's four-phased plan to Reopen Massachusetts during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor's office has released detailed guidance for all sectors of the economy, including specific [guidelines that allow for the limited use of parks and some athletic fields](#) to open in Phase One.

Town of Wellesley Health, Public Safety, Schools, Natural Resources, and Recreation officials, as well as Town Counsel, have worked to develop the following reopening plan for Phase One. Details are below, and signs will be posted at locations throughout Wellesley. Town officials expect voluntary compliance to these restrictions from all users to make sure these areas remain open and the Town can move to Phase Two of the Commonwealth's Reopening Plan.

This information and more details are available on the [Town of Wellesley Reopening Massachusetts resource page](#).

During Phase One the Following Rules Are in Place for Parks and Athletic Fields:

- Users must have face coverings and must wear them when unable to maintain 6 feet of distance from others unless they are members of the same household
- No group may exceed 10 people
- Wellesley High School Track and Field remains closed
- Basketball courts remain closed
- Dugouts and bleachers remain closed
- Pick-up games are not permitted
- Contact sports are not permitted
- Sharing athletic equipment is not permitted
- Dogs must be leashed
- Parks close at dusk - lighting for fields may be available in future phases
- Water fountains remain off
- Trash receptacles are limited: Please "Carry In/Carry Out"
- Limited tennis courts will be available for singles play only
- Playground equipment remains closed

These rules apply to all reopened parks and athletic fields during Phase One of the State's Reopening; these rules may relax during Phase Two. The Town is looking forward to increased activity at our parks and athletic fields, and your help in complying with these rules will continue to ensure a successful reopening.