

To: All Residents
From: Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen
Date: March 16, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Re: Guidance for Field and Playground Usage

In further efforts to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus throughout Wayland, all Town fields, playgrounds and recreation areas will be posted "Closed" this afternoon. All areas with controlled access will be locked. (The high school field complex is still an active construction site, and no access is allowed.)

This was a difficult decision as we would like residents to be outside enjoying physical activity, with proper social distancing. However, we cannot allow group gatherings or activities of any size on the Town fields or basketball courts and need to close access to the playgrounds because they cannot be kept disinfected. As a reminder, dogs are never allowed on athletic play areas or the sand at Wayland Town Beach.

Therefore, despite closing the fields to group gatherings and activities, we would like to keep them open for walking and exercising if everyone cooperates and maintains proper social distancing of approximately 6 feet apart.

We need everyone's cooperation in this community-based effort, or the Town will need to close the fields to everyone for the health of our greater community.

Residents who are comfortable going outdoors and who have not been instructed to quarantine, can stay active by walking, running, hiking or biking on local trails, while practicing social distancing recommendations from the CDC.

We continue to urge all residents to evaluate their own health and determine if they are feeling mildly ill with a head cold, headache, cough and/or experiencing any CDC identified symptoms of COVID-19. If you are feeling any symptoms, we advise you to contact the Wayland Health Department at the Coronavirus Hotline [508-358-6805](tel:508-358-6805) and your primary care physician for guidance.

As always, additional information can be found on the Town's website at www.wayland.ma.us. Other questions can be addressed to the Town Administrator's Office at [508-358-7701](tel:508-358-7701).