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MEDIA RELEASE

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Hernando County to begin summer camp registration and resume youth leagues

(Brooksville, FL) In accordance with Governor DeSantis' [Executive Order 20-131](#), the Hernando County Parks and Recreation Department will host a modified summer camp program and will resume youth leagues in our community.

2020 Summer Camp Program

Parks and Recreation staff are diligently working to develop a modified schedule for the 2020 summer camp program to begin on June 8, 2020. In the interest of keeping our residents and staff safe during this time and to help prevent the spread of disease, summer camp programs will be held only at The Lake House, located at 1202 Kenlake Avenue in Spring Hill, and Delta Woods Park, located at 3400 Deltona Boulevard in Spring Hill. Visit www.HernandoCounty.us/Parks_Rec for more information on modified programming and safety measures that will be implemented as it becomes available over the next week.

Registration for 2020 summer camp will begin on May 25, 2020. Complete online registration will be available at www.HernandoCounty.us/Parks_Rec. Registration forms may also be faxed, mailed or dropped-off to the Recreation Office, located at 16161 Flight Path Drive in Brooksville.

Please note, summer camp is subject to cancellation based on renewed restrictions from the state or in the event of a positive COVID-19 test within the camp. Refunds will be available for any Hernando County Parks and Recreation-initiated cancellations.

Youth Leagues

Hernando County youth leagues may resume league activities, effective immediately. Leagues are encouraged to read and follow the [Hernando County Parks and Recreation Recommendations for League Activities Post COVID-19](#).

Contact the Hernando County Parks and Recreation Office at (352) 754-4031 or via email at Recreation@HernandoCounty.us for more information on 2020 summer camp programming and youth leagues.

Hernando County Government's Office of Emergency Management recommends visiting the following web and social media sites for more information:

- Residents should monitor trusted sources of information such as the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) website at www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19 and the CDC website at www.CDC.gov to learn the facts and to follow recommendations to prevent the spread of disease
- FDOH has set up a call center for general questions regarding COVID-19 at (866) 779-6121, operating 24/7
- Download the FDOH StrongerThanC19 app for free, available for iOS and Android devices, to participate in the community action survey launched on April 3, 2020
- Residents of the City of Brooksville may call (352) 540-3810 or visit www.CityOfBrooksville.us for questions related to the City and COVID-19
- Visit www.HernandoCounty.us/COVID19 for information on all Hernando County Government updates regarding COVID-19
- For information on refreshing your emergency supply kits and plans go to www.HernandoCounty.us/em
- Sign up to receive emergency alerts at www.AlertHernando.org
- Follow us on Facebook [@HernandoCoGov](https://www.facebook.com/HernandoCoGov) and Twitter [@HernandoCoGov](https://twitter.com/HernandoCoGov)

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Recommendations for Leagues Post COVID-19

Here are the recommendations that the leagues should adhere when they resume play post COVID-19. Leagues can resume play effective immediately.

League:

1. Follow all local and state guidelines for facilities.
2. Soccer fields should be spaced out to allow for crowd control. Baseball games should have staggered start times so everyone is not there at the same time.
3. Recommend concession workers to wear face mask and gloves. Make sure they are utilized currently to ensure there is no cross contamination.
4. Sanitize/provide new balls for games to prevent cross contamination.
5. Provide hand sanitizer/wipes at each dugout/bench/sideline.
6. All coaches need to practice social distancing when coaching.
7. Each team is responsible for cleaning their respective dugout/sideline. All trash is to be removed of and disposed in the trash can.
8. A league official should go disinfect each dugout/bench between games.
9. Allow for ample time between games for disinfecting and teams to clear the area.
10. Encourage no sunflower seeds/spitting.

Players:

1. If an athlete is experiencing symptoms of sickness, they will be prohibited from playing.
2. All athletes must follow 6-foot physical distancing when not on the field.
3. Games balls must be designated for each team playing defense.
4. No sharing of equipment. Each player is responsible for their own equipment.
5. No high fives and handshakes. Suggest other means of celebrations and team sportsmanship at the end of each game. (i.e. tip hats/visors, or bow to each other at the end of the game)
6. No water coolers. No sharing of drinks. Encourage players to bring their own water/drink containers.

Parent/Spectators:

1. If a parent is experiencing symptoms of sickness, then they will need to keep the player and themselves at home.
2. All spectators must follow 6-foot physical distancing.
3. It is recommended for parents to bring their own chairs when spectating.