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Good afternoon Cheryl,

Below is the email our Director Health sent out regarding playgrounds. I've also attached the State's guidelines on sports and other recreation. If you need anything else, please feel free to reach out.

Best,

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From: Stephen Mansfield <[smansfield@llhd.org](mailto:smansfield@llhd.org)>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:07 AM

Subject: Playgrounds

Good morning,

Community transmission of COVID-19 is currently minimal across Ledge Light Health District. Our current understanding of transmission of COVID-19 is that outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities, and children are generally at lower risk for severe COVID-19 disease.

As of June 17th, Ledge Light Health District is no longer recommending that playgrounds be closed to the public. Though the risk of transmission of the virus is not zero in any setting where people may come into close contact with one another, the relatively low risk right now must be balanced against the need for youth in our communities to engage in both physical and social activities for their health and wellbeing. Parents and caregivers must continue to use good judgement in determining whether to allow their children to engage in activities where there is potential for close contact to occur.

This notice does not supersede any of the Governor's executive orders or DECD Sector Rules, including but not limited to the rule requiring businesses to remove or close all amenities not essential to the main function of the business.

Municipalities and school districts that open playgrounds to the public should follow the recommendations below:

Capacity limit should be posted, and should be based on square footage of the play area so that children can safely maintain a 6-foot distance between other children. Maintain a 6-foot distance from others as much as possible. Wear masks when 6-foot distance cannot be maintained, unless wearing the mask would create a health hazard to the wearer. Do not use the equipment if you are sick, or in the past 10 days have tested positive for COVID-19 or were told by a health care provider that you have COVID-19, or have been living with someone who has been sick with COVID-19 in the past 2 weeks. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after using the equipment, or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Though transmission of COVID-19 from contaminated surfaces is less likely than from close contact with an infected person, frequently touched objects like playground equipment can result in transmission of COVID-19. Users of the equipment should be made aware if the equipment is not cleaned or disinfected regularly, and that use of the equipment is at their own risk.

Best,

Steve

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