

Park District Facilities Closure and Phased Reopening

The Park District is in the process of doing a phased reopening of the Community Center and we are currently scheduling any group interested in using the facilities. As of March 12, 2022 masks are no longer required for entering the Community Center; however, any organization scheduling the facility may require masks for their event. Groups requiring mask must announce that at the beginning of their event, so attendees have the option to mask up or leave. We still recommend social distancing when possible.

The process for reopening Park District facilities is taking the following 4 main areas into consideration as we move forward with the reopening:

The first is following health and safety recommendations as we come out of Covid isolation

The second is to maintain levels of essential services that the Park District is obligated to provide

The third is to review the level of service that our facilities can potentially handle

The fourth is a review of the Park District's facilities use policy to ensure a smooth transition back to full operations

The phased reopening is going to take time and some areas of the Community Center will take longer to reopen since they are currently being utilized for essential services. The only areas that are currently not be available for scheduling are the kitchen on Tuesday thru Friday and the stage area in the dining room.

We are following the best practices and recommendations from various health and peer agencies as we move towards that goal of reopening including the CDC, Washington State Department of Health, Whatcom County Health Department, Whatcom County Council on Aging, and the Washington State Park Association. After communicating with various park and senior centers going through a similar process and barring any setbacks in the rules for the fight against Covid, we hope to have most of our operations back to normal in the coming months. If there is an outbreak of Covid on Point Roberts, the Park District reserves the right to reimplement immediate stronger protective measures for our facilities.