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Good Evening Mayor and Council

Please find attached an update to Park Board Commissioners regarding plans to re-open additional outdoor recreation facilities. Please don't share this information until they have had a chance to issue the press release in the morning.

Best  
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**From:** Ulmer, Christine  
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Good evening Commissioners,

Please be advised the following news release will be issued publicly tomorrow morning at 9 am - please consider this announcement confidential until that time. We will also be sharing a new video on safe outdoor recreation facility usage.

Sincerely,

Christine

**Vancouver Park Board  
News Release  
May 28, 2020**

## More outdoor recreation facilities to reopen in Vancouver for casual use

The Vancouver Park Board will begin reopening more than 320 outdoor recreation amenities across the city on Friday, May 29 including skate parks, synthetic sports fields, basketball and volleyball courts, disc golf, roller hockey, multisport courts, and 166 playgrounds.

The Park Board is taking a thoughtful and phased reopening and recovery approach in alignment with the [BC Restart Plan](#), and in consultation with various government and non-government agencies and partners.

Skate parks will be opened on Friday with other facilities following a phased approach throughout the weekend. Playgrounds will be open across the city by Monday, June 1, in alignment with the Vancouver School Board's resumption of in-class learning.

"Vancouver is an incredibly active city with residents who rely on our outdoor facilities for recreation, fitness, and overall wellbeing," said Park Board Chair Camil Dumont. "We know it has been a challenge for many in our community who have had to forego their usual outdoor recreation activities during COVID-19 and I'm grateful to everyone for their understanding and patience through this process. We are asking residents to work together to ensure our facilities are used safely once reopened."

The outdoor recreation facilities will be available for casual use only, meaning residents are encouraged to practice individual skills or play for fun with others in their household. Organized competitive play or training will not be permitted at this time.

Once outdoor recreation facilities reopen, the Park Board is asking residents to follow these guidelines for safe casual play:

- Maintain two metres distance from others who are not in your household
- M Wash and/or sanitize your hands frequently
- M Disinfect personal equipment before and after use
- M Do not share equipment
- M Stay home if you feel sick

Park Board staff will be installing educational signage at many of the outdoor recreation sites that will be reopened to support user awareness and compliance with the new guidelines.

The Park Board closed its outdoor recreation facilities in mid-March as part of its response to COVID-19. In recent weeks, the Park Board has reopened Fraserview, McCleery and Langara golf courses, VanDusen Botanical Garden, as well as tennis and pickleball courts.

The Park Board continues to review the feasibility of reopening other facilities and services and will make adjustments to its operations based on the latest information provided by Vancouver Coastal Health, the Provincial Health Officer, and industry partners.

For more information about the status of services and facilities impacted by COVID-19, please visit: [vancouver.ca/covid19](https://vancouver.ca/covid19).

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