



SAFER AT HOME Guidance *Outdoor Activities & Facilities*

Note: *Outdoor facilities may be subject to local restrictions or closures.*

The following outdoor recreation facilities may be open as long as social distancing, group limits*, and all applicable public health order requirements are met:

- Tennis courts**
- Golf courses**
- Basketball courts**
- Local trails, bike paths and trailheads
- Local and municipal parks and greenspaces

* Public and private gatherings (including outdoor recreation) is limited to no more than 10 individuals, with social distancing of 6 feet maintained between all persons. For personal training sessions and classes, groups are limited to either (A) household members only, or (B) 4 or fewer individuals (including the instructor), with social distancing required at all times.

**Any equipment used must be properly sanitized and cannot be shared.

The following outdoor facilities remain closed:

- Playgrounds
- Playground equipment
- Climbing walls
- Pools
- Amusement parks

Social distancing required: Any recreation activity that does not allow participants to maintain six feet of separation from other at all times is prohibited.

Outdoor Recreation Areas

- Municipalities should provide signage or other indicators to the public that playgrounds and playground equipment is closed.
- Team sports are prohibited.
- Outdoor recreation activities are permitted when individuals can maintain six feet of distance between participants and limit group sizes to 10 or fewer people.
- Outdoor recreation must occur within one's community and/or less than 10 miles from a person's residence.

Outdoor Pools

- Pools are closed for all purposes.
- Like all other activities, personal training sessions/classes in pools are prohibited.

Outdoor Special Events

Wedding, elopements, and other small events are permitted as long as social distancing is maintained and groups are limited to 10 persons or fewer. Event staff must wear facial coverings and protective equipment as needed and required by OSHA and any applicable public health orders.



Outdoor Day Camps

- Only authorized Licensed Building-Based Days Camps for School Aged Children are permitted to operate under the [state rules and guidance for child care facilities](#)
- The following camps are prohibited at this time:
 - Outdoor camps (no permanent building)
 - Mobile day camps (move from site-to-site with transportation)
 - Residential camps (overnights)

Golf Courses

- At all times, individuals must maintain at least six feet of distance from non-household members; this may require alterations to facilities and tee times to maintain better distancing.
- Clubhouses, restaurants, snack bars, and pro shops must not be open and tee times and golf fee transactions made only online.
- Restaurants and snack bars may provide takeaway services only.
- Only household members may share a golf cart or be a caddy for a golfer. Sharing golf carts with non-household members is prohibited.
- Golfers are strongly encouraged to not touch any equipment that is not their own (e.g. tees, flags, bags, balls, pull carts, carts).
- Maintenance of golf facilities is permitted.
- Any other golf course activity/function that cannot be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements as defined in the State Safer-At-Home Order is prohibited.

Boulder County Public Health strongly recommends that golf courses comply with the following, additional restrictions to ensure the health and safety of the public during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Do not allow walk-ups. All tee times and fee transactions should be made online only.
- Encourage players to walk since riding in carts does not allow for six feet of social distancing. Players should provide their own pull carts.
- Close the driving range or increase range slots to at least 9-feet wide to facilitate social distancing.
- Space out tee time intervals to maintain better distancing.
- Instruct course rangers to monitor golfers on the course to ensure social distancing.
- Remove all ball gathering devices from the practice areas.
- Remove rakes, drinking water, golf ball washers, and water buckets from the course.
- Make scorecards and pencils available on the first tee.
- Disinfect and treat on-course bathrooms with extreme precautions in regard to cleanliness.
- Modify cups to allow players to hole their ball but eliminate the need to touch the flagstick or cup when retrieving the ball.
- Do not allow removing of flags for putting at any hole.
- Instruct players to leave the course immediately after the round is over.



Dog Parks

- The state Safer-At-Home order does not close dog parks. Refer to guidance from local jurisdictions.
- If a dog park is open, public gathering areas within dog parks like picnic areas should be avoided.
- Visitors to dog parks must maintain six feet distance at all times and cannot congregate in groups of more than 10 people, including at entrances/exits.
- Boulder County Public Health recommends that signage be posted informing visitors that:
 - Facial coverings are strongly recommended and must be worn in accordance with the Boulder County Public Health facial covering order, which requires facial coverings to be worn if social distancing of six feet is not, or cannot be, maintained.
 - If a person is sick, they must stay home.
 - Visitors must practice social distancing (at least six feet distance between persons) at all times.
 - They should not congregate in groups larger than 10 people.
 - Visitors should leave the dog park immediately and should not congregate before, during, or after visiting the dog park.
 - Failure to follow guidelines could result in local closure of the dog park.

Outdoor Recreation with Pets

While rare, there have been some animals that have gotten COVID-19 from their owners or caregivers. At this time there is no evidence to suggest that any animals, including pets or livestock, can spread COVID-19 to people.

- Do not let pets interact with people or animals outside the household. If a person inside the household becomes sick, isolate that person from everyone else, including pets.
- Keep cats indoors as much as possible to keep them from interacting with other animals or people.
- Walk dogs on a leash, maintaining at least six feet distance from other people and animals.
- Avoid dog parks or public places where large numbers of people and dogs gather.

NOTE: These guidelines are subject to change or to be extended upon further evaluation, or in response to further guidance or orders from the Governor or Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Please note that Boulder County Public Health cannot provide legal advice, and compliance with all applicable public health orders remains the responsibility of each individual/business. If you have legal questions, consider consulting an attorney.

