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Town of Normal Playgrounds are Open

Normal, IL – July 2, 2020 – As families visit parks in the Town of Normal over the Fourth of July weekend, they will be able to use playground equipment with some restrictions.

Illinois's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) recently released new information regarding the opening of outdoor playgrounds in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan. Units of local government are provided the discretion to determine if outdoor playgrounds can open; the playground should be limited to no more than 50 persons at the playground, and individuals should follow social distancing guidance and all other applicable IDPH guidance.

As a result, Town of Normal outdoor playgrounds are open. No more than 50 people may utilize a playground at one time. Additionally, visitors should maintain social distancing and practice good hygiene before and after visiting outdoor playgrounds. Restrooms are available. Water fountains will remain off per IDPH guidelines.

Please note, public play pieces are not cleaned or sanitized. As this situation is constantly changing, guidelines and closures may change as well. The Town of Normal will continue to update the community accordingly. We thank you for your patience.

The Town of Normal encourages residents and visitors to use the new Coronavirus Response Hub located at www.normal.org. This site includes an interactive map that shows how COVID-19 is affecting public facilities, parks, and other amenities within the Town of Normal.

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About the Town of Normal Parks and Recreation Department

The Town of Normal Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains a wide variety of recreation facilities including 19 municipal parks that span 700 acres of open space. Facilities that are managed by the Department include the Champion Fields Softball Complex, Community Activity Center, Connie Link Amphitheatre, Fairview and Anderson Aquatic Centers, Ironwood Golf Course and Constitution Trail. The Department also provides and manages over 400 individual recreation programs that serve more than 10,000 people annually. To learn more about the Department visit NormalParks.org, Facebook.com/NormalParks.org or follow us on Instagram @NormalParksandRec.