COVID-19
Metro Parks
July 20th ‘Safe Start’
New Restrictions

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CREATING HEALTHY OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY, LEARN AND GROW.
Effective Monday July 20th – New Restrictions

Governor Inslee: recent evidence suggests that COVID-19 is most easily and commonly spread through face-to-face interactions, such as:
- gatherings in the home
- at social gatherings
- in work settings

Effective Monday, July 20TH
new limit on social gatherings and a ban on live entertainment across the state.

These restrictions apply only to social gatherings, not business operations operating legally under the Safe Start guidance.

Includes the prohibition on all live entertainment, indoor or outdoor, statewide. This includes drive-in concerts, comedy clubs and music in restaurants, but NOT Drive-in Movies
The New Phase 2

Counties in **Phase 2 may** continue to have social gatherings of up to **five people per week.**

Social gatherings that **may be limited** by this change include:
- Book clubs
- Baby showers
- Social clubs
- Garage and estate sales
- Gatherings on beaches
- Gatherings in parks
- Barbecues
- Picnics
- Parties
  (birthday parties, house parties, cocktail parties, etc.)

**Impacts on Phase 2 MPT Operations, include**
- Potential partnerships Tacoma Creates Art Project
- Adult sport leagues

**MPT Operations Not Impacted by New Phase 2 Restrictions**
- K-12 day and specialty camps
- Upcoming Drive in Movies
- Outdoor fitness classes
- PDZA public operations
- TREK Wild Walk and Wild Drive
- Meadow Park Golf course operations
- Boathouse/ Marina
- Chip-in
- Fort Nisqually public operations
- People’s Shower Program
- Construction
The New Phase 3:

Counties in **Phase 3**- public gathering restrictions **further reduced** from 50 people **to 10 people per week**.

**New Phase 3 – Not Changing**
- Recreational facilities at <50% capacity (gyms, public pools, etc.)
- Outdoor group rec sports activities (50 or fewer people)
- Telework is still strongly encouraged

**New Phase 3 Impacts on MPT Operations, include:**
- Gatherings in public parks and beaches limited to groups of 10
- K-12 day and specialty camp capacities will not increase
- Rentals
- Special Events
Potential Return to Modified Phase 1

MPT “Back to Essential plus Phase 1 approved” business operations:

- Essential Child Care
- Marina /Boathouse launch
- Meadow Park Golf
- Trek Wild Drive
- Shower Program
- Recreation and fitness
- Only allowed outdoor with five (not including the instructor) or fewer people outside of household.

Thoughts from Safety

- It is critical that we re-evaluate/ re-define/ re-envision non-essential: MPT business cases, current operations and upcoming plans to ensure we are shepherding Inslee’s Phase 2 restrictions.

- We need to begin the hard lean in towards our technological, communications, and marketing/ signage options thus reducing exposure to MPT staff.

- Phase 3 could be as far away as October.

Secretary of Health has discretion to modify or change any part of the modified Phase 1 to address the needs of a specific county. All activities must follow the health and safety requirements for those activities.
State reopening by county

Gov. Jay Inslee on May 1 announced a four-part plan for reopening Washington’s economy. Counties can ask the state for permission to move to the next phase and reopen further if they meet certain criteria. Here is where Washington’s 39 counties stand.

Eligibility as of July 16

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<td>- Stay home unless engaging in Phase 1 permissible activities</td>
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<td>- Hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking</td>
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<td>- None</td>
<td>- With no more than 5 people outside your household per week</td>
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<td>- Existing construction may resume</td>
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<td>- Bar areas inside restaurant/taverns at less than 25% capacity</td>
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<td>- Landscaping</td>
<td>- In-home domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.)</td>
<td>- Theaters at less than 50% capacity</td>
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<td>- Auto, RV, boat sales</td>
<td>- Retail (in-store with restrictions)</td>
<td>- Customer-facing government services (telework strongly encouraged)</td>
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<td>- Professional services/office-based (telework strongly encouraged)</td>
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<td>- Hair and nail salons/barbers</td>
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**Modified Phase 1**

Source: Office of the Governor

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