

NYC Parks COVID-19 Update – 9/21/20

Childcare Update

Beginning shortly, in partnership with NYC Department of Education and NYC Department of Youth & Community Development, NYC Parks will reopen many of its recreation centers and facilities solely for school-aged childcare. This effort will serve as part of the City's plan to provide space for 100,000 students participating in the blended learning model, on the days they are not receiving in-person services at DOE schools. Our recreation centers are not reopening to members for programming at this time; membership remains on hold.

NYC Parks staff will operate the majority of the agency sites. At select Parks sites where nonprofit providers have traditionally run after-school programs, those providers will run expanded full day Learning Bridges models at those same sites. Staff will provide childcare services, which will include supervision, recreational activities, and support for online learning.

For more information about this childcare initiative, visit the DOE website:
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/learning-bridges>

For all updates on park service changes and closures, please refer to the NYC Parks website:
<https://www.nycgovparks.org/about/health-and-safety-guide/coronavirus>.

For more information and guidance about COVID-19, please refer to the DOHMH website:
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/coronavirus.page>.

If you have further questions, don't hesitate to contact your local NYC Parks Borough Commissioner or NYC Parks Government Relations staff.