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### City of Maple Valley Parks & Recreation Department Safe Start Update

**Maple Valley, Wash. – October 9, 2020** – In accordance with Gov. Jay Inslee’s Safe Start protocol, the City of Maple Valley Parks and Recreation Department continues to monitor the situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to operate to ensure public health and safety based on recommendations and guidance from both the King County Public Health Department and Gov. Inslee’s Safe Start Washington Plan.

All parks and trails remain open for day use activities. The current status of remaining park facilities and programs is as follows:

- Lake Wilderness Lodge – Remains closed to the public and all rentals until further notice.
- Summit Park & Ball Fields – Reservations are being accepted for organized leagues, clubs and user groups. According to the updated guidelines announced by Gov. Inslee on Tuesday, October 6, Maple Valley is currently in the Moderate Level stage of County Guidelines. Under the Moderate County Level guidelines, the following updates to the Safe Start Washington Plan must be followed for sporting events.
  - Attendance rosters should include group contact information. Each league, organization, or club must publish and follow a “return to play” safety plan. Any practice or training activities that can be done outdoors should be done outdoors.
  - Scrimmage, intra-team competitions, and league games allowed for both low and moderate risk sports. Scrimmage, intra-team competitions, but no competitions of any kind against other teams, allowed for high risk sports.
  - No tournaments allowed.
  - No spectators allowed except for one adult parent/guardian/caregiver for each minor-aged participant allowed. Spectators must maintain physical distance of at least six (6) feet between each person. No spectators allowed for participants 18 and older.
- Recreation Programs – Parks staff continues to monitor and offer programs that can be offered safely considering COVID-19 protocols and according to the resources available. Visit the website [www.maplevalleywa.gov/fun](http://www.maplevalleywa.gov/fun) for updated program information.

Additional adjustments to registration, programs, and locations may occur as deemed necessary. For more information, contact the Maple Valley Parks and Recreation Department at 425-432-9953.

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