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Kenosha County Dog Parks, playgrounds to open today; Biergarten, Boundless Adventures begin season Saturday

The Kenosha County Dog Parks are reopening today, Kenosha County Parks Director Matthew Collins announced.

Playgrounds in Kenosha County Parks, which had also been marked as closed, are also opening, Collins said.

Both amenities will have signs posted nearby, urging people to use them with caution.

"We certainly still want people to be careful when using the dog parks and playgrounds," Collins said. "Social distancing remains of utmost importance for those who visit our parks."

The dog parks closed in late April in an effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended that people and dogs avoid dog parks and other public places where a large number of people gather.

Signage now posted at the parks notes that CDC advisory while informing that people can now use the fenced-in, off-leash dog areas at their own risk. The signs ask people to maintain a minimum of six feet of physical distance from others who do not live in the same household, and they remind people to clean up after pets properly.

Reopening of the dog parks and playgrounds comes as two of Kenosha County Parks' public-private partnerships are beginning their seasons.

The Petrifying Springs Biergarten will open at noon Saturday, with social distancing measures in place. The Boundless Adventures aerial adventure park in Bristol Woods Park also opens Saturday, with amended health and safety policies in place.

Silver Lake Park Beach, which normally opens over Memorial Day Weekend, is not opening this weekend. More information on that will be coming soon, Collins said.

More information about Kenosha County Parks and the dog parks is available online at http://parks.kenoshacounty.org and by following Kenosha County Parks on Facebook and Instagram.