



## ORDER OF THE MAYOR, TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK

### REOPENING TOWN PLAYGROUNDS

Whereas, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed throughout Maryland including Prince George's County;

Whereas, the Governor of Maryland has proclaimed a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency on March 5, 2020 and renewed on March 17, April 10, May 6, June 3, July 1, July 31, August 10 and September 1, 2020 to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19;

Whereas, the County Executive of Prince George's County has issued an Emergency Declaration on March 16, 2020 and since amended via Executive Order on April 13, May 11, May 14, May 28, June 9, June 12, June 25 and September 3 2020;

Whereas, the Prince George's County Health Officer has issued a Directive and Order for Enhanced Consumer and Employee Safety on August 4, 2020;

Whereas, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park by Resolution 2020-R-02 adopted on May 4, 2020 and amended on August 17, 2020, declared a state of emergency and authorized the Mayor to administer the Town's emergency response and take certain actions and ratify prior actions; and

Whereas, the Town's playgrounds (Tot Lot and Playground) were closed as part of the emergency response; and

Whereas, in keeping with the most recent orders from the County Executive and County Health Officer, it has been determined that the Town's playgrounds may be reopened under certain circumstances.

NOW THEREFORE, the following is declared and ordered:

**Beginning Friday, September 4 at 2:00 p.m.**, Town playgrounds (Tot Lot and Playground) are open for use with the following requirements per State and County law:

1. All persons age 5 years or older must wear a facial covering/mask covering the mouth and nose. Facial coverings/masks are suggested for age 2 years or older, per CDC guidelines. Single-use facial coverings should be properly discarded at home or Town trash receptacles.
2. Maintain physical distancing between individuals/family groups, remaining 6' or more apart.
3. Capacity limits:
  - a. Tot Lot – Maximum of 15 persons (adult or child)
  - b. Wells Parkway Playground – Maximum of 35 persons (adult or child)

Hand sanitizer stations are available on-site. All playground users are encouraged to use them, and to wash hands when returning home.

Adult/parental supervision of all children present is necessary to ensure these requirements are fulfilled.

The Town is not able to guarantee that adults or children using the playgrounds, even with these safeguards in place, are safe from COVID-19 infection. As a result, use by adults and/or children is at their own risk.

Report violations and concerns to the Town at (301) 277-0050, leaving a message if necessary.

*Lenford C. Carey*

Lenford C. Carey, Mayor

9/3/2020

Date