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Public Outdoor Playgrounds Allowed to Reopen

Gov. Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Public Health announced late Monday outdoor public playgrounds can reopen under specific COVID-19 safety guidelines.

According to the guidelines, all people age 2 and older visiting a playground should:

- Wear a facial covering at all times
- Maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from those outside of their household
- Observe play structure occupancy limits as posted by local jurisdictions
- Keep playground visits to 30 minutes per day when others are present.

Adult supervision is also required at all times by the state to ensure children are adhering to these new guidelines. These guidelines apply to public outdoor playgrounds located in parks, campgrounds and other publicly accessible locations. This guidance does not apply to private or indoor playgrounds or family entertainment centers.

“We welcome the opportunity to provide children with access to playground equipment in our lovely parks,” said Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich. “As we learn more about COVID-19 transmission and the greater safety in outdoor versus indoor activities, it is important that we translate that knowledge into action by opening activities as safely as possible.”

Rules and park capacity guidelines are required to be posted at the entrance of parks. To read Outdoor Playgrounds and Other Outdoor Recreational Facilities guidelines in full, visit <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Outdoor%20Playgrounds%20and%20other%20Outdoor%20Recreational%20Facilities.aspx>

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