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Update on Status of Town of Harvard Playing Fields, Parks, Playgrounds, Track, Tennis Courts, and Overlook:

As you all are aware that we had to close many outdoor areas in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus. We thank all of you who have complied with these decisions. Moving forward we will be opening parks, the track and the overlook with the following requirements.

Parks and Overlook: (Opening 5/25/20)

- Social distancing is required.
- Face coverings/Masks will be required if you cannot social distance.
- Groups of 10 or more will be broken up.
- All trash is carry-in and carry-out so please plan accordingly.
- These requirements will be enforced by the Harvard Board of Health through the Harvard Police Department or the Board of Health.

The Track: (Opening 5/25/20)

- Social distancing is required.
- Face coverings/Masks will be required if you cannot socially distance.
- Walking or running on the track will be in a counter clockwise manner.
- The fields in and around the track fall under the Playing Fields and Playground section.
- Groups of 10 or more will be broken up.
- All trash is carry-in and carry-out so please plan accordingly.
- These requirements will be enforced by the Harvard Board of Health through the Harvard Police Department or the Board of Health.

Tennis Courts:

- Open for single play (two people) at this time.
- Pickle ball for single play (two people) is also allowed.
- Social distancing must be adhered to at all times.
- All trash is carry-in and carry-out so please plan accordingly.
- These requirements will be enforced by the Harvard Board of Health through the Harvard Police Department or the Board of Health.

Playing Fields and Playgrounds:

- These will remain closed for now.

- Unfortunately we cannot keep the playground equipment sanitized and this poses a heightened risk for the young folk that use it and older adults that may come in contact with these youngsters.
- Playing fields are not reopening at this time as we do not want to encourage people to play any type of group contact sport.
- These requirements will be enforced by the Harvard Board of Health through the Harvard Police Department or the Board of Health.

This limited reopening is being done in consultation with the Emergency Management Team as well State guidelines. We are working with members of Parks and Recreation on how to open the beach and at what level. The details for a beach opening will come by the end of this month.

Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation with this directive and these difficult times.