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Tennis Courts and Golf Courses are now closed

West Hartford, CT (April 1, 2020, 12:25PM) -- Due to public health concerns created by the COVID-19 virus, the Town of West Hartford has temporarily closed tennis and pickleball courts. The Town has also decided to keep the Rockledge and Buena Vista golf courses closed for an indefinite period.

Parks, fields, and trails remain open for now, but groups of more than five people are prohibited pursuant to state law.

On March 25, 2020, the Town closed playground equipment (playscapes) and basketball courts at its municipal facilities and schools because large groups of people were gathering to play.

“We are at a critical stage of this highly contagious and dangerous virus. Our main objective is to prevent people from congregating in order to suppress the spread of COVID-19,” said Helen Rubino-Turco, Director of Leisure Services & Social Services. “We will continue to evaluate conditions and reopen these facilities as soon as we feel it is safe to do so.”

Mayor Shari Cantor added, “We recognize, appreciate, and value the benefits of being outdoors and the ability to be physically active while we are all complying with the statewide stay at home directive.

“The health and safety of our community is our primary concern and it is critical that we all follow the CDC’s guidance by physical distancing of at least six feet and not congregating with people. We need to temporarily close these recreational assets to allow us to enforce physical distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19,” Cantor said.

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