

Halifax Youth and Recreation Department

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Important Announcement: Updated to the March 14th publication

Dear Members of the Community:

Along with the Halifax Town Manager and all Town of Halifax Offices, the Halifax Youth and Recreation/Parks Department has always put our Community's safety as a top priority. As more information continues to be released regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, it was a unanimous decision to be proactive and issue Halifax Youth and Recreation Department closures even before Governor Baker issued a stay-at-home advisory.

Due to the threat of Covid-19 exposure and spread, the Halifax Youth and Recreation Department and Town of Halifax issued closures which became effective March 14th. These closures are still active **UNLESS** specified below.

- Effective June 9th, 2020 The HOPS Playground IS OPEN under the following rules:
 - a) Enter/Play at YOUR OWN RISK. The Town of Halifax DOES NOT accept any liability for any injury or illness caused by use of the playground.
 - b) Face Coverings or Masks MUST be worn when individuals cannot maintain 6 feet distance between themselves and others.
 - c) Parents, Guardians, and Other Adults who are supervising children should monitor children at all times to ensure children maintain proper distancing and adhere to CDC requirements for face coverings.
 - d) Children and Adults who feel sick or who are recovering from an illness may NOT visit the playground.
 - e) The Town of Halifax is NOT sanitizing any of the playground equipment.

- **In the meantime, all other closures REMAIN CLOSED until further notice.**

Since the March 14th PSA our offices have remained engaged in our community the best that we can during the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions. As mentioned in our March 14th publication, one way that we have been able to do this is through the HYRD Facebook Page. We will continue to post announcements there as well as our website. Please be sure to "follow it" and set your notification settings to "standard" (on Facebook) so that you will get the most

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recent information that we post throughout each day. Be sure to check past posts and visit the website www.halifaxyouthandrec.org as well!!!

In closing, remember that these closures are temporary and will not be forever. Slowly but surely, we will open back up. We hope that you will continue to practice social distancing along with us.

Again, in closing and looking ahead, we leave you with a quote from the lyrics of Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline", HYRD Director Mr. Steele's closing song (and favorite) at every event, year after year.

"Good times never looked so good..so good...SO GOOD."

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time.

Your Friends,

The Halifax Youth and Recreation Department