

Recommendations for Park and Lake Users and Observing Social Distancing Minimums

Harris County MUD No. 500 (the District) is actively monitoring developments around the new coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it is and may impact District parks and recreational facilities within the Towne Lake community. The District is asking residents to follow and adhere to all guidelines and recommendations from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and your state and local officials for the most up-to-date information. To maximize the safety and health of all residents, and in accordance with Harris County's [Stay Home, Work Safe Order](#), visitors to District parks, recreational facilities, and the lake should adhere to the following guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Follow the CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to heading to parks, trails, and the lake - wash hands, carry hand sanitizer, do not use parks, trails, or the lake if you have any symptoms of illness, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, etc.
- Avoid gathering in groups larger than ten or containing members from more than one household or residence.
- Observe at all times the CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of six feet from other people. Practice it and know what it looks like. Keep it as you walk, bike, hike, or boat.
- Warn other park and lake users of your presence and as you pass to allow proper distance at all times.
- Bring water or drinks — public drinking fountains may be disabled and should not be used, even if operable.
- Avoid using picnic tables, benches, pavilions, or other facilities containing surfaces that are not sanitized after each use.

Please be advised that the State and Harris County Orders regarding temporary closure of State and County parks during the Easter holiday weekend have not been applied to District parks, recreational facilities, and the lake at this time. **However, District parks, recreational facilities, and the lake are public facilities and, accordingly, residents should take care to comply with all applicable State and local rules and guidance, including Harris County's Stay Home, Work Safe Order.** Pursuant to the Order, violators could potentially be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or six months' imprisonment. If you have any questions or would like to report a suspected violation, please contact Harris County, at (832) 839-6941, or click [here](#) for Harris County's online reporting form.

Useful links

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[Harris County – Ready Harris Novel Coronavirus Hub](#)

[Office of the Texas Governor](#)