

Find Fun IN THE DESERT



As we move through the phases of the Statewide Reopening Plan, Desert Recreation District (DRD) is keeping the health and well-being of our staff, participants, volunteers and guests as our main concern, and we are continuing to follow the criteria set out by Riverside County. We want to ensure all who use our facilities, parks, pools, and other outdoor amenities, including our Golf Center at Palm Desert, feel safe and welcome as we are excited to have everyone back!

What DRD Has Been Doing

Monitoring information published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Riverside County Department of Public Health, and the state of California are all part of the planning process to be able to reopen our facilities. In addition, we are taking into consideration information learned from associations such as the California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) in regard to how we effectively resume services and when the time is right, host large events.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

We have also implemented enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols, and added signage about staying home if you are exhibiting symptoms, or have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 or who is exhibiting symptoms, social distancing, frequent handwashing, and wearing a face covering or mask. Having traffic flow through the buildings in a way to allow for social distancing, and marking 6' minimums for those standing in lines or other areas where several people might gather at the same time are other ways in which we are working to carefully bring guests back to our centers and parks with their safety in mind.

When will DRD Reopen?

The park restrooms have begun reopening, and the fitness centers are next; then, our other programs will be reopening in stages – but our goal is to offer the same great programs and experiences we had in 2019. While the exact date of reopening for every program is not known, we do know that Riverside County has moved through stages one, two, and we are anticipating moving into stage three very shortly. We are as eager to have you back as you probably are to come back!

Our fitness facilities in Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert and North Shore are getting ready to reopen –
come work out with us for one low annual fee that gives you access to these four great locations!

Most likely we will have a rolling reopening, with activities held in our indoor facilities that have a little more space between guests opening, then playgrounds and similar outdoor areas will open. Activities like sports leagues and close contact activities will probably open a little later, and the last events to come back will be large group events.



PLEASE NOTE: Modifying how we do things due to COVID-19 is a very fluid situation because the regulations may change as health experts learn more about the illness. Because of this, please be aware we may have to adjust the timing or manner of our programming and reopening of facilities.

Remember we have the **Desert Recreation District Online Recreation and Resource Center** available in the meantime for anyone who may feel more comfortable waiting a little longer to resume in-person fitness classes or attend a senior program for fun and games. You can find all of the various online activities on our new website at **MyRecreationDistrict.com/online-resources**.

For the golf enthusiasts, our Golf Center at Palm Desert, home of First Tee – Coachella Valley is open (please call (760) 779-1877 for hours and other information), as are the outdoor parks and trails. Playgrounds and other amenities such as drinking fountains may not be accessible quite yet, so please plan accordingly if you are going to a park.



We Thank You

We know this has been a challenging time, and we cannot tell you enough how much we appreciate everyone who has been patiently waiting for us to reopen. We have been here for 70 years serving the Coachella Valley to make sure all residents have access to our parks and recreation system, and we are looking forward to 75, and then 100 years as the premier provider of these services while keeping every guest as safe as possible. We will see you soon!