

## Alachua County Plan to Re-open Poe Springs

Alachua County Parks and Open Space shall follow the guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control, as well as any Alachua County local orders and COVID-19 related information. Poe Springs will reopen at 50% capacity daily starting **(July 17th)** 2020. Park staff will patrol the day use area and swimming area to ensure all guidelines are being followed. Park staff will also clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and restrooms hourly on weekends **and 4 times a day during weekdays.**

### For Swimming:

- The CDC has recommendations. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/aquatic-venues.html>; <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/visitors.html>
- Keep “play” and interaction between swimmers contactless; maintain social distancing
- Do not intermix groups;
- Discourage sharing of swim equipment. If sharing must occur, consider how the equipment will be sanitized between each use;
- Adhere to park specific guidelines for COVID-19.

### For Day Use:

- Limit groups to 50 or less and stay at least six feet from others at all times. This might make some open areas, trails, and paths better to use. Do not go into a crowded area.
- The playground is open for use and will be sanitized twice a day.
- Keep “play” and interactions contactless; maintain social distancing
- Do not intermix groups;
- Adhere to park specific guidelines for COVID-19.

## Safety Measures and Best Practices for Poe Springs

- Maintain adequate time between the conclusion of one group and the next for appropriate cleaning and sanitation of common areas including restrooms.
- Implement social distancing during swimming, picnicking and playing.
- Post signage or other notices regarding the safety measures and best practices in a conspicuous location.
- Display signage or notices to frequently remind visitors to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including the wiping and sanitation of frequently touched surfaces.
- Provide sufficient soap and surface sanitation supplies for visitors to utilize.

## Cleaning and Disinfecting

Cleaning is defined by the CDC as “the removal of germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces.”

Disinfection is a separate step and should come after cleaning. All dirty surfaces should be cleaned prior to disinfection. Follow the guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for cleaning and disinfecting facilities, including:

- Clean and disinfect all frequently-touched surfaces on the property regularly. High touch surfaces include: picnic tables, doorknobs, countertops, handles, handrails, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.

- Properly dispose of PPE, including gloves, when finished. Gloves should be changed often. Hands should be washed immediately after gloves are removed. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Trash Removal: Gloves and masks should be worn at all times. Never use a hand to push trash bags or to consolidate trash within a receptacle. This should always be done with a device such as a stick, shovel, rake, etc. Use a disinfecting product or trash barrel liner inside.

### Staffing Needs

Due to the increased staff responsibilities of ensuring social distancing and disinfecting guidelines are being followed seven days a week, along with normal maintenance duties at our other parks, we are requesting adding 10 Temp Force workers for the summer season which ends the week of Labor Day.

- (10) Temp Force people at \$20 per hour for 40 hours per week to fully open = \$8,000 per week
- \$8,000 per week x 8 weeks = \$64,000

The department has applied for a CareerSource grant, which if approved, will fund the staffing costs rather than general funds.