

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Along with the rest of the state, and the nation, we are experiencing a steep increase in the number of COVID-19 cases here in Montville Township. Additionally, the average age of cases has decreased dramatically over the past two months, indicating a higher percentage of cases occurring among children and young adults. The increase among these younger age groups has a direct correlation to a variety of outside group activities.

Accordingly, out of an abundance of caution to protect the well-being of our entire community, with the input of the Health Department, the Recreation Department, and Administration, the following decision has been made by the Township:

Effective November 17th, Montville Township is suspending all outdoor Township recreation programs, and closing the community basketball courts, playing fields, playgrounds, pavilions, and Dog Park. Please note that this was a very difficult decision, but it has been made for the protection of public health and safety concerns, and to further mitigate the increase of Covid-19 cases Montville Township is currently experiencing.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in taking the appropriate steps to notify your board members, coaches and players that all outdoor recreational activities will be suspended effective Tuesday, November 17th. Recreation offerings will be re-opened in the future in accordance with all guidance provided by the local health department.

The walking paths at Camp Dawson and the Community Park will remain open, however, all persons using these walking paths will be required while doing so to wear masks at all times, and to follow all established safety protocols, including maintaining safe social distancing from others also using the paths. The Montville Township Police Department will be patrolling the parks to assist the Parks and Recreation Department in making sure all persons using these walking paths are complying with these directives.