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Order of Modified Operations of Facility

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and recent steep increase in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in record numbers throughout the state and nation, on November 17, 2020, the Township Committee ordered closed municipal parks, including the Dog Park. On December 3, 2020, the Township Committee reversed this decision, and allowed the Dog Park to reopen for use, **with strict health and safety regulations** to protect the health and wellbeing of the Dog Park members and their canine family members, and the rest of our community. At such time as transmission of COVID-19 diminishes, revision to these limitations will be revised accordingly.

Effective immediately today, Wednesday, December 3, 2020, and until further notice, the Montville Dog Park, in addition to all of the rules and regulations already in place prior to COVID-19, will be limited to operating in the following manner. **Please be advised that any failure to comply with these health and safety measures, in place to protect our community, will result in the immediate closure of the Dog Park.**

- Only 4 persons maximum will be allowed in the large dog section at any given time.
- Only 4 persons maximum will be allowed in the small dog section at any given time.
- If the maximum number of patrons are already present in the section that the patron wishes to use, they must wait in their vehicles until someone leaves that section.
- There is a 45-minute maximum time limit for each patron, unless there are no other patrons waiting to enter the facility.
- At all times while they are on the grounds of the facility and out of their vehicles, patrons must wear masks, and stay at least 6 feet away from other patrons while in the facility.
- Patrons will limit hand contact with surfaces that others may also come into hand contact with, such as gates, fences, benches, and equipment inside the park, and will wipe surfaces down after each use with disinfectant wipes. Patrons are responsible for bringing their own supplies of disinfectant wipes with them, and to dispose of these used wipes properly into garbage receptacles after use.
- Patrons will not share any high-touch objects and equipment with other patrons, including toys, dishes, and equipment, and prior to leaving the Dog Park, will remove any and all items that they brought with them into the Dog Park.
- Objects and equipment with high-touch surfaces in the Dog Park, including the agility equipment, are prohibited from use.
- As social distancing cannot be maintained in the Pavilion (gazebo), it is prohibited from use. It will be taped off by DPW. **DO NOT REMOVE THIS TAPE.**

For more information, please refer to the Montville Township Health Department's COVID-19 webpage at <https://montvillenj.org/COVID-19>, or contact the Montville Township Health Department at health@montvillenj.org, or at 973-331-3316.