

January 8th COVID-19 Update: Changes Beginning January 11th, 2021

West St. Paul City Hall, Public Meeting and Recreation Restrictions Loosening

Coinciding with Governor Walz's loosening restrictions on Monday January 11th, the City of West St. Paul is expanding in-person services, as well as access to facilities, meeting and programs.

City Hall

Starting Monday, January 11th, City Hall will be open to conduct business in-person. Staff will be available for both Administration and Police Department business.

Regular business hours will be offered: Monday - Friday 8am - 4:30pm.

City Hall Main: 651-552-4100 | Emergencies: 911 | Police Department: 651-552-4200
Website: www.wspmn.gov | Staff Contacts: www.wspmn.gov/directory

Public Meetings

Public Meetings, including City Council meetings, will be opening back up for limited in-person attendance by the public. A limited number of socially distanced seats will be available in the Council Chambers. Seats are first-come-first-serve. Additional seats will not be added. To ensure distance between attendees, there will be no standing room in the Council Chambers during meetings.

Overflow space and seating will be available in the City Hall Lobby and Lobby Conference Room. Attendees can watch on screens in overflow areas and enter the Chambers to participate in the meeting.

Parks & Recreation

These rules are current as of the publishing of this document, however the City is expecting clarification from the State on some points and may change in the coming days. Check back for updates January 11th.

WSP Sports Dome (Recreational Athletics Center)

- Currently closed for open dome use
- Open for walking Monday-Friday 7:00am-noon (unless there are private rentals)
- Open for private rentals (including adult, youth and high school practices only) with a maximum capacity of 150 people
- Games may resume beginning January 14 with no spectators
- Masks required for all players, coaches and walkers, as well as social distancing for walkers

John V. Hoene Ice Arena

- Currently closed for open skating and general use
- Open for private rentals (including adult, youth and high school practices only)
- Games may resume beginning January 14 with limited spectators allowed (max capacity of 100 people)
- Masks required for players and spectators, as well as social distancing for spectators

Outdoor Skating Rinks

- Three households may gather outdoors, 15 people max.
- Six feet social distancing is required between households.
- Strong recommendation for masks, but not required.

Warming Houses

Opening on Monday January 11th at 4:00pm. Masks and physical distancing required.

- Harmon Park Warming House capacity: 14 patrons + 1 staff for a total of 15.
- Orme Park Warming House capacity: of 4 patrons + 1 staff for a total of 5.

Recreation Offerings

- **Youth Programming (Non-Sport)**
 - Will continue to operate as long as the primary purpose is child care, not sports instruction or competition.
 - COVID-19 Preparedness Plan required for all in-person offerings.
 - Maximum number of 15 people per group or room for both indoors and outdoors.

- **Youth Programming (Indoor and Outdoor Sports)**
 - COVID-19 Preparedness Plan required for all in-person offerings.
 - Six feet of physical distance when not playing.
 - Do not exceed number of people allowed in the venue. 25% capacity not to exceed 150.
 - Practices cannot exceed more than 25 people in a pod.
 - Face coverings required to be worn during games and practices by all. Some exceptions apply: COVID-19 Interim Guidance: Return to Sports (aap.org)
 - Games can begin 1/14
 - Outdoor youth sports 25% capacity, up to 250.

Stay safe,

City of West St. Paul