**Town Playgrounds, Fields and Athletic Courts**  
*Board of Health orders closures to prevent spread of COVID-19*

Per order of the Board of Health, and because the Town does not sanitize these types of facilities, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, **ALL Town basketball courts, tennis courts, playgrounds and athletic fields will close as of March 27, 2020, and will remain closed until further notice.** Studies have shown that the virus can live on surfaces for several days creating a potential health risk. **Essential personnel daycares approved by the State of MA are exempt from closure at this time.**

**Parks and trails will remain open, subject to the following:**

- Families are welcome to play in the parks (not on the playgrounds) and use trails, but please do not engage in sports or activities that require physical or shared contact;
- Practice social distancing and keep a 6’ distance from others while playing in parks and using trails;
- Wash your hands frequently, carry antibacterial hand sanitizer.

These are stressful times for all, but we are a strong caring community and by staying positive and working together to support one another we will get through this.

For up to date information on the Town’s efforts to combat and deal with COVID-19, please go to [www.templetonma.gov](http://www.templetonma.gov)