

In light of the historic challenges associated with COVID-19 experienced across our nation since March, along with the uncertain future being predicted by health experts at all levels of leadership, the Peoria Park District has made the difficult decision to cancel its summer camp programming schedule through July 3.

"We know that kids and families look forward to camp each summer... and we do, too," says Emily Cahill, Executive Director of the Peoria Park District. "Our decision came down to our commitment to ensuring the safety and quality of experience for EVERY camper at each of our locations and we just couldn't find a path that met that promise."

The District will evaluate its ability to offer summer day camps beginning on Monday, July 6 as health indicators and guidance from experts continues to evolve. A decision on the rest of the District's 2020 summer camp schedule will be made in mid-June and shared with the public at that time.

Staff will issue refunds for all cancelled weeks of summer camp programming within 7-10 days of this notice. If families want to cancel camp reservations beyond July 3, they should contact our offices by email at registration@peoriaparks.org to process additional refunds.

If you originally paid via credit card, any refunds will be issued to the card on file; if you originally paid via cash or check, or if the card on file is expired, you will be mailed a check within two weeks. Fees originally paid via scholarship will be refunded to your scholarship balance. Your refund receipt will be e-mailed to you electronically.

Throughout this crisis, the District remains committed to making difficult decisions, even when they aren't popular, to keep its many users safe.

To find current information about program and facility offerings and availability, please visit PeoriaParks.org or like our Facebook page @PeoriaParkDistrict.