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**MAYOR DE BLASIO ANNOUNCES PLAN TO REOPEN RECREATIONAL AREAS
AND DOG RUNS DURING PHASE 3**

New York City is on track to enter Phase 3 on July 6th

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today announced plans to reopen recreational amenities and outdoor courts in City parks. Once the City enters Phase 3 of reopening, New Yorkers will be able to enjoy soccer fields and basketball, tennis, volleyball, bocce, and handball courts. The City will also reopen dog runs for public use.

“Our city faced one of the greatest challenges in its history, and because of your hard work, we are pushing through. Soon, New Yorkers will be able to enjoy even more outdoor activities,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**.

“Our parks are hubs for active recreation and we’re excited to welcome all New Yorkers, both human and canine alike, back onto sports courts and dog runs for another safe and fun summer,” said **NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP**. “We’re committed to maintaining safe greenspaces for all to enjoy and encourage visitors to wear a face covering, frequently sanitize their hands, and maintain distance between each other while out in parks.”

Participants in higher risk sports including basketball should only partake in individual or distanced group training. To support social distancing, Parks Ambassadors will continue staffing parks and playgrounds, handing out masks and educating patrons about maintaining safe distancing.

Playgrounds re-opened on June 22nd and NYC Parks continues to re-open skate parks and outdoor fitness equipment. Beaches will open for swimming on July 1st.

While enjoying these amenities, New Yorkers should maintain social distancing, wear face coverings, and wash their hands frequently. New York City is expected to reach Phase 3 on July 6th.

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