




MEMORANDUM

Date: February 3, 2021

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Use of County Park Facilities for Organized Group Activities**

When COVID-19 cases began to surge in November, action was taken to suspend use of County facilities for organized group events. On November 19, 2020, use of County venues by teams from out of state was discontinued. On November 30, 2020, all league and tournament use of County facilities was suspended. Ceasing of these activities was to remain in effect until December 31, 2020, subject to reconsideration if pandemic situations substantially improved.

After imposing the November use restrictions, a Health Department Public Health Advisory was issued December 21, 2020, strongly recommending, among other things, to limit gatherings to ten or fewer people. This recommendation remains in effect in the newly updated February 2, 2021 Public Health Advisory.

Since conditions have not improved since originally restricting use of County facilities, but rather have worsened, it is appropriate for these limitations to remain in effect. As such, facility use permits or agreements will not be issued for groups and leagues at this time. Our park facilities are available for use by the general public under the recommended advisory to limit gatherings to ten or fewer people.

These restrictions will be re-evaluated with Drs. Garcia and Cullen at two week intervals to determine when conditions have improved enough to allow the issuance of permits for use of County facilities for expanded group activities.

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