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## **Webster City Community Schools Close All School Playgrounds**

*The public is encouraged to practice social distancing when enjoying green spaces, basketball and tennis courts.*

WEBSTER CITY, IOWA — Effective immediately, the Webster City Community Schools has closed all school playgrounds and structures to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The school district opted to take this action upon reviewing guidance from the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), the National Recreation and Park Association and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The district is also working closely with Webster City government officials.

The closure will not affect green spaces, basketball courts and tennis courts, which will remain open to the public. However, residents are encouraged to follow recommended social distancing guidelines in these areas. The guidelines include staying at least six feet away from others and avoiding groups.

"As the weather gets warmer, we want children and adults to be able to get outside and enjoy our school park spaces, but we also need to be careful about the potential to spread COVID-19 in certain areas," said Dr. Mandy Ross, Superintendent. "We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we take action that we believe is in the best interests of all our community members. We will get through this together by taking the right preventive measures now."

For updates on the latest community closures and recommendations related to COVID-19, please visit the following links:

- Webster City Community Schools: <http://www.webster-city.k12.ia.us/>
- Webster City Government: <https://webstercity.com/covid-19-information/>
- Hamilton County Public Health: <https://www.hamiltoncountypublichealth.com/coronavirus/>
- IDPH: <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus>
- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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