



# ALLEGHENY COUNTY

ALWAYS INSPIRING

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
August 2, 2019

**Contact:** Parks Department  
412-350-2455

Ryan Scarpino  
Health Department  
412-578-8312

## **Round Hill Spray Park Closed Through Monday, August 5**

**PITTSBURGH** – The Round Hill Park spray park has been closed due to a bacteria count in the water that exceeds Health Department regulations. Out of an abundance of caution, the spray pad is closed for additional treatment and cleaning through Monday, August 5. The spray pad will reopen upon verification that the regulatory water quality standards are met. Should the spray pad open earlier than expected, we will provide notification via Allegheny Alerts and the County Parks' social media channels.

Water used in the spray parks in the county is tested every two hours for chlorine, pH and hard water levels, and weekly for bacterial levels. Any bacteriological exceedances are reported to the Health Department. Testing from July 29 in Round Hill Park, received yesterday by the Health Department, showed levels of coliform that were higher than the standard (one colony forming unit per 100mL of water). As a result, the spray park was closed. The water will be retested until it is within the appropriate standard, at which time the spray park will reopen.

Coliform is bacteria that is always present in the digestive tracts of animals and humans and found in their wastes. They are also found in plant and soil material. The presence of coliform is one of the reasons that Park Rules at the spray park facilities prohibit dogs, require the reporting of any fecal or vomiting incident, require that infants in diapers or children still in training should wear pool-approved garments, and emphasize that the spray park water is not to be consumed or drank.

The Parks Department has taken several steps to address the test results. The water in the system was immediately drained and changed. Increased levels of chlorine have been put into the system, and its plumbing has been re-cleaned. Additionally, facilities staff are reviewing the system to make sure it is working correctly and are also checking the UV system that treats the water.

Most coliform bacteria do not cause disease, but may lead to gastrointestinal problems if ingested, or inflammation or infection if it gets into an open wound. In many cases, the symptoms will resolve themselves, but anyone experiencing issues that do not appear to be lessening should seek medical attention.

###

**Allegheny County Parks Department**  
211 County Office Building | 542 Forbes Avenue | Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
Phone: 412-350-2455 | Fax: 412-350-2682  
[www.alleghenycounty.us](http://www.alleghenycounty.us)



**Follow us:** [allegheny alerts](#) | [facebook](#) | [instagram](#) | [linkedin](#) | [twitter](#) | [youtube](#)