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## **City Implements Parks Guidelines and Extends Closures to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19**

LAKE OSWEGO – The health and safety of our residents, their families and City staff is the City’s utmost importance. Because we recognize that Lake Oswego parks are important for health and well-being, the City has decided that Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation’s (LOPR) parks, trails, playgrounds, sports fields, golf course and natural areas will remain open to the public. In addition, food security programs, Meals on Wheels and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) will remain open.

Closure of facilities will be considered if guidance is not followed.

“As Governor Brown said last evening,” said Ivan Anderholm, Director of Parks and Recreation, “we are relying on people to practice social distancing. We all need to do our part to limit the spread of the COVID-19.”

1. Refrain from using parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms. (Feel Sick, Stay Home)
2. Follow CDC’s guidance on personal hygiene prior to, during, and after use of parks or trails. (Wash Your Hands, Don’t Touch Your Face)
3. While on trails, warn other users of their presence and as they pass, and step aside to let others pass. (Give Other Users Respect and Space)
4. Follow CDC guidance on the recommended size of social gatherings including outdoor picnicking, pick-up sports, dog parks and other group hangouts. 25 maximum. Playgrounds 10 maximum. (No Organized Practices, Individual and Family Activities Only)
5. Observe CDC’s minimum recommended social distancing of 6 feet from other individuals at all times. If this is not possible, users should find an alternate location or find an-other space. (Move To Find Your Own Space)

As an added risk reduction measure, some restrooms will be closed. Please prepare for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains.

We support continued use of our Lake Oswego parks and open spaces during the COVID-19 outbreak, but we all need to do our part to maintain social distancing and follow public health guidelines.

Based on guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Oregon Health Authority, and local health officials, LOPR's indoor facilities (Tennis Center, Christ Church Parish, Adult Community Center) will remain closed through April 28, 2020. Additionally, all LOPR activities are canceled through April 28, 2020.

For the latest information about what is open to the public and what is closed and canceled, please continue to check the City of Lake Oswego Novel Coronavirus webpage at <https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/community/Novel-Coronavirus>

The City of Lake Oswego is here to serve you in this uncertain time, we're in this together.

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