

NEWS RELEASE

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City Parks Open for Use, Amenities to Remain Closed

Douglas, AZ – April 3, 2020. Today at 2:15pm, Governor Ducey issued a press release clarifying Executive Order 2020-12 ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS regarding parks. As an ESSENTIAL FUNCTION, all city parks will be open to the public WITH limitations and restrictions in place in order to mitigate the presence of COVID-19 in our area.

Specifically, all public playgrounds, restrooms, basketball courts, tennis courts, ball fields, outdoor fitness equipment, ramadas, and gazebos will remain CLOSED until further notice. Park open spaces and walking paths WILL OPEN for use for individualized activity adhering to physical social distancing requirements of 6 feet or more and restricting gatherings of more than 10 people.

In addition, there are a number of specific recommendations for advising the public to keep safe physical distancing when in parks or on trails

- Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to heading to trails — wash hands, carry hand sanitizer, do not use trails if you have symptoms, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, etc.
- Observe at all times CDC's minimum recommended physical distancing of six feet from other people. Practice it and know what it looks like. Keep it as you walk, bike or hike.
- Warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass to allow proper distance and step off trails to allow others to pass, keeping minimum

recommended distances at all times. Signal your presence with your voice, bell or horn.

- Note that trail and park users may find public restrooms closed — be prepared before you leave and time outings so that you are not dependent on public restrooms.
- Bring water or drinks — public drinking fountains may be disabled and should not be used, even if operable.
- Bring a suitable trash bag. Leave no trash, take everything out to protect park workers.

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