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RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCES CLOSURES RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORIES

Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District continues to be in regular communication with Ventura County Public Health (VCPH) as well as federal, state and local agencies related to the rapidly changing Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation that our state and nation is facing.

In response to issuance of the recent Stay Well at Home Order, Board Chair Ed Abele commented, "The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District remains committed to providing safe parks and promoting a healthy lifestyle through recreational activities. The cancellation and postponement of programs, and the closure of some facilities and the golf courses is extremely disappointing but necessary at this critical time. The Board of Directors and District staff are constantly monitoring developments and working diligently on behalf of the citizens of Simi Valley and Oak Park. Our focus and attention is on the health and welfare of all of the residents in the communities we serve."

Following the orders of state and county health officials, the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District has canceled or postponed the following as a means of slowing the spread of COVID-19 through April 20, 2020.

- Non-essential meetings and events at all indoor Park District locations

The District has canceled or postponed the following through May 3, 2020.

- District-sponsored adult and youth sports leagues at all locations
- Classes and activities at all locations
- Alternative recreation programs at all locations
- After school clubs at all locations
- Preschools at all locations
- District sponsored Special Events, including the Summer Camps and Programs Open House, the Egg Scramble Easter Egg Hunt, the Junk in the Trunk Event and Earth Day Event.

The following Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District facilities will be closed through April 20, 2020 :

- Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Activity Center
- Rancho Santa Susana Community Center
- Oak Park Community Center
- Simi Hills Golf Course
- Sinaloa Golf Course
- The Pool at Rancho Simi Community Park
- Strathearn Historical Park
- Santa Susana Train Depot
- Berylwood Park Building
- Houghton Park Building
- Knolls Station Building
- Mae Boyar Park Building
- All Playground Structures and Exercise Stations within District Parks

The Park District will provide updated information regarding these closures and cancellations no later than Friday, April 17, 2020.

Non-RSRPD sponsored sports classes and leagues may also be cancelled. If you are part of a non- RSRPD youth or adult sports league, please contact your leagues organization for more information regarding the status of your league and games.

Due to Public Health Officials identifying that outdoor exercise is an essential activity, Parks, Trails, Public Restrooms, and other outdoor spaces will remain open at this time. However, all playground structures and exercise stations within District parks are closed and shall not be used. While using outdoor spaces, patrons are strongly encouraged to comply with six-foot social distancing requirements and to practice proper COVID-19 hygiene requirements.

In addition to routine cleaning operations, the District will also be incorporating the use of a medical / hospital broad spectrum disinfectant and antimicrobial agent to clean and sanitize equipment wherever possible and common surfaces such as doorknobs, drinking fountains, desk and counter tops, chairs, sinks, handrails, restrooms and additional public areas.

Rancho Simi's top priority continues to be the health and safety of all our students, participants, visitors and staff, and we take this responsibility very seriously. We understand the decision may cause hardships for some guests and families, but we must follow the orders of health officials.

For more information or if you have District related business that you need to conduct, please contact the District by phone at 805-584-4400 or by email at info@rsrpd.us

For further health related advisories, please also visit the following websites for additional information:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

California Department of Public Health

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/COV2019.aspx>

Ventura County Health Care Agency

<http://www.vchca.org/agency-divisions/public-health>

VC Emergency

<http://www.vcemergency.com/>