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CITY OF BAKERSFIELD CLOSING ALL PARK PLAYGROUND AREAS AND EQUIPMENT DUE TO COVID-19 CONCERNS

In order to limit the potential for exposure to and spread of the COVID-19 virus (also known as novel coronavirus), the City of Bakersfield will temporarily close all playground areas and equipment at City-run park facilities until further notice.

This decision was made by the City's Recreation and Parks Department after considering recommendations from local, state and federal guidelines on social distancing and sanitizing surface as well as guidance from the National Recreation and Park Association.

The City's Recreation and Parks Department will be posting signage around playground and exercise equipment as well as wrapping the equipment and areas with caution tape.

While the parks themselves remain open at this time, the City urges ALL residents to comply with Governor Gavin Newsom's stay home order. If you do leave your home in order to provide an essential service as outlined by the [Department of Homeland Security's Cyber Infrastructure & Security Agency](#), please remember to follow all social distancing and sanitary guidelines set forth by the Kern County Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control:

- Avoid gatherings of 10 or more people;
- Maintain at least six feet of distance from others;
- Frequently wash your hands for at 20 seconds and/or use hand sanitizers;
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, mouth and nose.

City community centers and pools, as well as the Mesa Marin Sports Complex, Kaiser Permanente Sports Village and Aera Park are closed to the public, as are all basketball,

volleyball, tennis, and pickleball courts. These closures will remain in effect until further notice.

All Recreation and Parks Department programs – with the exception of the after-school meal program at Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center – have been suspended until further notice.

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