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LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT CLOSES PLAYGROUNDS IN RESPONSE TO NEW HEALTH ORDER

LIVERMORE, CA – In response to the new Order issued by a joint order of local health jurisdictions, including Alameda County Department of Public Health on March 31, 2020, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (“District”) has closed additional facilities in efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus and assist in wide-spread efforts keep the Livermore community safe and healthy.

In addition to extending the previous shelter in place requirement to May 3, 2020, the new Order adds new restrictions around essential businesses and activities. This includes closures and prohibits use of the following facilities:

- Use of playgrounds, dog parks, public picnic areas, and similar recreational areas.
- Use of shared public recreational facilities such as golf courses, tennis and basketball courts, pools, and rock walls.
- Sports requiring people to share a ball or other equipment must be limited to people in the same household.

Effective March 31, 2020, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has closed the following: all playgrounds, dog parks, basketball courts, tennis and pickleball courts, picnic areas, disc golf courses, the sand volleyball court at Robert Livermore Park, and synthetic turf fields at Cayetano and Robertson Park.

District- operated indoor and outdoor facilities continue to be closed. All programs, classes, rentals, and special events have been cancelled;and before and after school programs suspended through May 3, 2020.. Parks and open spaces remain open with park patrons required to maintain social and physical distancing of at least six (6) feet. Staff continue to encourage the practice of “pack-in, pack-out” as normal park service levels may be impacted during this time. The District continues to work with Open Heart Kitchen to provide Monday - Friday lunch service to seniors on a “to-go” basis only. For more information, visit our website at www.LARPD.org.

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