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## City of Florence Park and Facility Closure Update

**FLORENCE, OR** – On Monday, March 23, 2020, Governor Brown issued Executive Order 20-12 Stay Home except for Essential Needs, effective immediately and until further notice. This is a statewide order. Failure to comply with the order will be considered an immediate danger to public health. This, along with decisions made by our local jurisdictions, have impacted access to City and regional facilities.

### City Parks

With Governor Brown's executive order, the City has closed all of our playground equipment and structures, sport courts, and skate park to the public. Specifically, this includes the following:

#### Play Equipment/Structures

- Miller Park
- Pepperoaks Park
- Singing Pines
- 18<sup>th</sup> Street Pocket Park
- Munsel Road Park

#### Sport Courts (Tennis/Basketball)

- Rolling Dunes Park
- Miller Park
- Pepperoaks Park
- 18<sup>th</sup> Street Pocket Park
- Munsel Road Park

Essentially, because of the locations of the play equipment/structures and the basketball/sports courts Pepperoaks, 18th Street and Munsel Road parks are closed. The skate park at Miller Park is also closed in response to the order. Currently, restrooms at Miller Park, Rolling Dunes, Munsel Greenway, and Maple Street Plaza are open to the public.

The dog park at Singing Pines currently remains open with posted signage advising the public that areas such as the picnic shelters and dog parks do have social distancing requirements. If, for example, the users of the dog park do not adhere to the social distancing requirements, the City will make the decision to close those areas as well.

### City Facilities

The City of Florence is working to ensure the safety, security, and health of the public and our staff while continuing to offer you the customer service you expect from us. Due to this, City facilities remain closed to the public. City staff continue to operate our essential services and are participating in the coordinated community effort to address the public health crisis.

Consistent with guidance on limiting the spread of COVID-19 through social distancing, we ask you to please communicate with our staff over the telephone and internet as a primary method. Staff may not be able to answer phones when you call, but we are able to check and return voicemails. Thank you for your patience. Visit the City's website at [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us) for information on services, forms, or other items you need. Staff email addresses are also available online to conduct business via email.

City facilities closures include the following:

- Florence City Hall
- Florence Justice Center
- Florence Public Works Facility
- Florence Events Center
- Florence Senior Center
- Florence Municipal Airport Office

#### **Other Related Closure Information**

- [Port of Siuslaw Closures](#)
- [Lane County Park Closures](#)
- [Oregon State Park Closures – Effective March 23, 2020](#)
- [Siuslaw National Forest Closures](#)

#### **Key Resources**

- [Lane County Public Health](#)
- [Oregon Health Authority](#)
- [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)
- School Closures & Food Service Plans
  - [Siuslaw School District](#)
  - [Mapleton School District](#)
- [PeaceHealth COVID-19 Information](#)
- [City of Florence COVID-19 Information](#)

#### **Lane County Public Health Community Call Center**

Lane County Public Health's call center is available for non-emergency calls related to COVID-19 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. The phone number is 541-682-1380. You can also contact Lane County Public Health's Coronavirus Response Team via email at [corona-info@lanecountyor.gov](mailto:corona-info@lanecountyor.gov).

#### **Oregon Health Authority Updates**

You can sign up for Oregon related updates on the OHA website. There is a link in the box at the top of the page. They also have some good informational handouts at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/index.html>.

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