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City of Superior announces closing of playgrounds, dog park, public restrooms and pavilions

City of Superior Announces Guidelines for Use of City Parks, Trails and Open Space during COVID-19 Pandemic:

City of Superior Parks, Recreation and Forestry has released guidelines advising citizens how to use City parks and trails in a manner that will reduce the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

All City playgrounds closed, dog park closed, public restrooms will remain closed, pavilions closed.

Based on Gov. Tony Evers issuing Emergency Order #12, Safer at Home Order which goes into effect at 8:00 a.m. on March 25th, it has been stated that playgrounds shall be closed under the following language:

4. (b.) Places of public amusement and activity. Whether indoors or outdoors, including but not limited to amusement parks, carnivals, water parks, licensed public or private swimming pools, splash pads, aquariums, zoos, museums, arcades, fairs, children's play centers, playgrounds, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, movie and other theaters, concert and music halls, country clubs, social clubs, and gyms and fitness centers.

City of Superior beaches, trails, open spaces, and parks will remain open. As the coronavirus outbreak continues to grip our nation, we understand that citizens may have questions and concerns about visiting their local park, trails and open spaces in our community.

The National Parks and Recreational Association released the following statement: "We recognize that social distancing may take a toll on our mental health, especially during high-stress and anxiety-producing global public health emergencies. We also know that parks provide a connection to the outdoors and green space as well as opportunities for physical activity which studies demonstrate reduces stress and improves mental health.

We believe that many parks, trails and open spaces can continue to be used in a safe manner that allows people to enjoy the mental and physical health benefits these spaces provide.”

The guidelines build on direction provided by the National Recreation and Parks Association. The City of Superior advises residents to:

- Refrain from using parks or trails if they are exhibiting symptoms.
- Follow CDC’s guidance on personal hygiene prior to and during use of parks or trails.
- Prepare for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains.
- While on trails, warn other users of their presence and as they pass, and step aside to let others pass.
- Follow CDC guidance on the recommended size of social gatherings including outdoor picnicking, pick-up sports and other group hangouts, and maintain proper physical distance at all times.
- Observe CDC’s minimum recommended social distancing of 6 feet from other individuals at all times. If this is not possible, users should find an alternate location or depart that space.

<https://www.nrpa.org/about-national-recreation-and-park-association/press-room/NRPA-statement-on-using-parks-and-open-space-while-maintaining-social-distancing/>