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## **City Takes Additional Steps to Protect Community - Closes Park Playground Equipment and Restrooms**

LAKE OSWEGO – On Monday, March 23, Governor Kate Brown issued a stay at home order to protect the health and well-being of all Oregonians. The “Stay Home, Save Lives” order imposes requirements for outdoor areas and travel in addition to closing specified retail businesses, requiring social distancing measures for other public and private facilities, and imposing requirements for licensed childcare facilities. To read the Governor’s executive order, please go to <http://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19>.

As a result of this order, the City of Lake Oswego will be taking the following actions to limit park access and restrict outdoor activities to non-contact only. Effective immediately, parks are limited to walk-in and all parking lots are closed. In addition, the following closures have been implemented:

- Athletic Fields
- Sports Courts
- Dog Parks
- Luscher Farm (including Community Gardens and the Friends of Rogerson Clematis Garden. CSA farming operations will continue.)
- Playgrounds
- Public Golf Course
- Restrooms
- Water Sports Center

These closures are in addition to earlier closures the City has implemented to reduce exposure. At this time, all City buildings are closed to walk-in traffic. This includes City Hall, the Maintenance Center, the Water Treatment Plant, all Fire Stations, the Adult Community Center, Lake Oswego Public Library, Indoor Tennis Center and Parks and Recreation's Christ Church Parish location.

City government provides essential services to the community. City staff will continue to provide important services to the people of Lake Oswego, this includes providing police and fire protection, quality drinking water, and well-maintained infrastructure. Many services you count on are available online and via telephone or virtual conferencing. Please visit our website, [www.LakeOswego.city](http://www.LakeOswego.city) for contact information and service details.

To assist the public, the City will be expanding our Citizen Support Center to receive COVID-19 related questions. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, to answer all City service-related COVID-19 questions. Please call 503-635-0257 or email [cic@lakeoswego.city](mailto:cic@lakeoswego.city) with your inquiries.

For the latest information about city services and closures, in addition to COVID-19 resources, please continue to check the City of Lake Oswego Novel Coronavirus webpage at [www.LakeOswego.city/Coronavirus](http://www.LakeOswego.city/Coronavirus).

The City would like to reiterate - staying home both keeps you safe from infection, and ensures you do not unknowingly infect others.

We know this situation can cause fear and anxiety. Please take care of yourself and your family.

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