

Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

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RivCoParks Canceling All Large Events thru April 30, 2020 due to COVID-19

March 12, 2020 – Jurupa Valley, CA – Riverside County's Department of Public Health has ordered the cancellation of large events due to COVID-19. This order follows the guidelines issued by the California Department of Public Health on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. A large gathering has currently been defined as over 250 people.

Public Health Officer Dr. Cameron Kaiser today ordered the cancellation stating, "These restrictions may seem harsh, given the relatively low number of coronavirus cases in Riverside County, but they are necessary if we are going to stop the spread of COVID-19. I do not take these restrictions lightly and clearly they will impact many in organizations and individuals in the community. We're in this together and I believe they're necessary to slow and eventually stop the spread of COVID-19."

In compliance with this order, and out of an abundance of caution and support of the overall health and well-being of our County residents, Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (RivCoParks) has cancelled the following upcoming events:

- 4th Annual Youth Fishing Clinic scheduled for March 14, 2020 at Lake Skinner Recreation Area
- Duck Daze scheduled for April 11, 2020 at Hidden Valley Nature Center
- Healthy Living Extravaganza (HLE) scheduled for April 18, 2020 at Rancho Jurupa Regional Park

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Other large gatherings at our sites will also be canceled thru April 30, 2020. Our sites include:

- Hurkey Creek Park (Mountain Center)
- Idyllwild Park (Idyllwild)
- Lake Cahuilla Veterans Regional Park (LaQuinta)
- Lake Skinner Recreation Area (Winchester)
- Mayflower Regional Park (Blythe)
- McCall Memorial Equestrian Campground (Mountain Center)
- Rancho Jurupa Regional Park (Jurupa Valley)

We are uncertain at this time if or when these events might be rescheduled. We urge residents to heed the advice of our public health officials and model best health practices such as washing your hands frequently and staying at home if you are sick. For the most up to date information regarding Coronavirus related activities in Riverside County, visit www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work to keep all County residents and partner agencies healthy.

About The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

Our Mission is to acquire, protect, develop, manage, and interpret for the inspiration, use and enjoyment of all people, a well-balanced system of park related places of outstanding scenic, recreational, and historic importance. Our Vision is to be the regional leader in improving lives through people, parks, places and programs. www.rivcoparks.org