

**CITY OF PASADENA HEALTH OFFICER ORDER
FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19
Temporary Closure of City Parks and Recreational Areas
*Date Order Issued: April 9, 2020***

This Order is in effect until the expiration date contained herein.

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code §120295.)

SUMMARY OF THE ORDER: California is in a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a substantial danger to the health of the public within the County of Los Angeles. COVID-19 can easily spread between people who are in close contact with one another. Everyone is at risk for becoming ill with COVID-19, but some people are more vulnerable to serious illness, including pneumonia and organ failure, or death, due to their age, physical state, and/or health status. Currently, there is no vaccine available to protect against COVID-19 and no specific treatment for its symptoms. As of April 8, 2020, Los Angeles County had more than 7,500 reported COVID-19 cases, and the City of Pasadena had 94 laboratory-confirmed cases.

In order to help slow COVID-19's spread, protect vulnerable individuals, and prevent the healthcare system in the City of Pasadena from being overwhelmed, it is necessary for the City of Pasadena Health Officer ("Health Officer") to require the temporary closure of all City parks and recreation areas.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 120175 et seq., AND THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.04.010, THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:


1. Effective immediately, all City parks and recreation areas, including, but not limited to, dedicated park land as set forth in Article XVI of the City Charter (Park Preservation) and the parks and grounds set forth in Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 3.24 (Parks and Public Grounds), shall be closed beginning **12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2020 to sunrise on Monday, April 13, 2020**; and it shall be unlawful to enter or remain in any City parks or recreation areas or facilities during this closure.
2. The Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services is authorized to take all steps reasonably necessary to close all City parks and recreation areas as ordered herein, such as, but not limited to, locking all restroom facilities,

posting signage of the closures, as well as patrolling the parks with assistance of the Pasadena Police Department as needed.

3. This Order supplements and does not supersede prior Health Officer orders related to COVID-19.
4. This Order applies to all persons within the City of Pasadena under the Health Officer's jurisdiction.
5. Violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine or both under California Health and Safety Code Section 120295. This Order will be enforced by the City of Pasadena Police Department, City Attorney/City Prosecutor's Office, and/or any other agency designated by the Pasadena City Manager for enforcement.
6. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order (or any other prior Order) or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Order (or any other prior Order).

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the City of Pasadena, its departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Ying-Ying Goh, MD, MSHS
Health Officer, City of Pasadena

Date: 4/9/20