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Group gatherings and activities prohibited in Rochester Parks during Stay at Home order

March 28, 2020 – Rochester, Minnesota – The City of Rochester [Parks and Recreation Department](#) has noted increased traffic in the park system over the past week. While most individuals are adhering to social distancing recommendations, group activities where participants come into close contact with one another violate social distancing expectations and are prohibited.

To discourage use of these group facilities, tennis and pickleball courts have been padlocked; rims have been removed from basketball courts; and playgrounds and the skate park at Silver Lake have been signed as “closed.”

Parks and [trails](#) will remain open for walkers, hikers, and bikers. Residents and visitors with no symptoms of illness are encouraged to take advantage of them at safe social distances during the Stay at Home order.

“We want people to be comfortable enjoying the outdoors and getting some exercise,” says Paul Widman, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Rochester. “Take advantage of the spring weather but do so smartly and at a safe distance from others.”

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC



EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

Stay at Home
Executive Order 20-20
Effective March 27 – April 10

City of Rochester
Declaration of Local Emergency
Issued March 17, 2020

Olmsted County
Public Health Emergency
Issued March 17, 2020

Minnesota Peacetime State of
Emergency EM-3453
Issued March 13, 2020

National Emergency
Concerning Novel Coronavirus
Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak
Issued March 13, 2020

LOCAL ACTIVATIONS

City of Rochester
Emergency Operations Plan

Joint Information Center (JIC)

City of Rochester Emergency
Operations Center (EOC)

EOC STRATEGY

Ensure Community Lifelines

EOC OBJECTIVES

- Continuity of Operations
- Timely Community and Teammate Communication
- Economic Stability
- Community Stability
- Healthcare System Support

Lifelines enable the continuous operation of critical government and business functions and are essential to human health and safety or economic security.

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