




MEMORANDUM

Date: March 27, 2020

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Update - Ramadas in Public Parks**

Earlier today, I provided you additional information regarding public use of County parks. The attached March 27, 2020 memorandum serves as an update of our position regarding ramadas at our parks.

Given the size of our ramadas, which in most cases do not allow proper social distancing guidelines, we will be closing all ramadas in public parks effective Monday, March 30, 2020. The Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department will no longer accept reservations for the ramadas until the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions have been lifted. For those who have made ramada reservations after Sunday, March 29, 2020 those reservations will be canceled, a refund will be issued.

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Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,
Health and Community Services
Dr. Bob England, Director, Health Department
City/Town Managers:
Mary Jacobs, Town Manager, Town of Oro Valley
Jamsheed Mehta, Town Manager, Town of Marana
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Kelly Udall, Town Manager, Town of Sahuarita
John Vidaurri, City Manager, City of South Tucson



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To: CH Huckelberry, County Administrator
Carmine DeBonis, Deputy County Administrator

Date: March 27, 2020

From: Chris Cawein, Director

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Subject: Ramadas in Public Parks

Per recent discussions and with an abundance of caution, NRPR is temporarily closing all ramadas in our public parks effective Monday March 30 due to the extreme likelihood that social distancing recommendations of at least 6 feet for the sole purpose of reduction of disease transmission cannot be adhered to by users.

We will no longer accept ramada reservations until such time as the COVID-19 pandemic passes.

Our staff will begin wrapping each ramada with caution tape and installing ramada closed signs on Monday. Although we recognize that individuals may breach this simple barrier and still elect to use the ramada, the tape and signs seem to be a reasonable and prudent strategy on our part to reduce the risk of disease transmission at this time. We are working with the Communications Office to issue a press release to that effect today if possible.

For those individuals who have previously reserved ramadas in any County park for any time after Sunday March 29, 2020, we will be cancelling those reservations and will issue a refund.

As soon as the pandemic passes, we will notify the public via press release when the ramadas and the associated reservation system will reopen.

Let me know if questions arise.

C: Robert Padilla, Deputy Director
Ron Odell, Operations Division Manager