



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 19, 2020

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Closures and Changes to Programming in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic**

With an abundance of caution, and in accordance with federal, state and local guidelines, Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (NRPR) is canceling nearly all Department-organized events and activities at all of its sites due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NRPR-operated natural resource parks, urban parks and river parks, and associated facilities are expected to remain open for general public use by individuals and families in the community. Specific facilities may require adjustments in normal operating hours. Staff encourages all users of NRPR sites to practice social distancing and avoid assembling into large groups to the extent possible.

Activities and events operated at NRPR-managed facilities by contracted entities may or may not be canceled by that entity. Many of these activities and events are canceling based on current guidance. Should activity participants have questions, they are encouraged to contact the activity or event promoter directly.

Non-essential programs at all of the Community Centers are canceled. The County is modifying its congregate meals program so it can continue modified meal service at Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center (ETFWCC), Ajo Community Center (ACC) and Picture Rocks Community Center (PRCC). That service modification will consist of transitioning from a "sit-down" meal program at all three centers to a "drive-thru" program at ETFWCC and PRCC, and a "drive-thru/home delivery" model at ACC.

These guidelines will continue until further notice.

Please contact my office if additional information is needed.

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