

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## RE: City of Temecula closing all Community Services Facilities

**TEMECULA, CA** – City officials continue to work closely with public health agencies at the County, State, and Federal level to determine the best course of action for protecting our community against the spread of the COVID-19, also known as the "coronavirus." Today, Temecula Valley Unified School District has announced it will be closing all schools and programs through April 5, 2020. In order to be consistent with this direction, as well as previous guidance from Riverside University Health Systems-Public Health, the City must do its part to prevent its facilities from becoming secondary congregation sites, which could undermine the important protective benefits of TVUSD's closure.

As a result, the City will be closing all Community Services facilities, athletic venues, and outdoor amenities, effective Monday, March 16, 2020 through April 5, 2020\*. All rentals, contract classes, programs, and events will also be cancelled. Staff will be contacting affected participants regarding refunds where applicable. The City will continue to monitor this situation closely and will revise the order as required in order to best safeguard public health. This closure includes:

All City athletic fields, sport courts, and hockey rinks

Ronald H. Roberts Temecula Public Library, 30600 Pauba Road

Community Recreation Center and Pool, 30875 Rancho Vista Road

Temecula Skate Park and Pump Track, 42569 Margarita Road

Margarita Recreation Center, 29119 Margarita Road

Eagle Soar Park and Splash Pad at Margarita Community Park, 29119 Margarita Road

Jefferson Recreation Center, 41375 McCabe Court

Pennypickle's Workshop (The Temecula Children's Museum), 42081 Main Street

Temecula Valley Museum, 28314 Mercedes Street

Temecula Community Center, 28816 Pujol Street

The Merc, 42051 Main Street

\*Please note, the Mary Phillips Senior Center (41845 6th Street) and the Old Town Temecula Community Theater (42051 Main Street) both will be closed through April 30, 2020.

Mayor James Stewart stated, "The City of Temecula continues to be in regular communication with relevant agencies to best monitor and respond to this rapidly evolving public health situation, and will continue to adjust operations as needed. City Hall and Police storefront locations will remain open for business at this time. We will continue to update our residents as things change, and we really appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation during this process."

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