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City of Naples Health Information Update - Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

Declaration of Local State of Emergency, Elections, and Parks & Recreation Facilities

Naples, FL (March 16, 2020) – The City of Naples continues to closely monitor and inform the community on the evolving novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Due to increased potential for spread of COVID-19 within our community and an effort to minimize cases, the City of Naples has elevated the Comprehensive Emergency Plan to a Level 2 which activates the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), increases the level of preparedness, development of an Incident Action Plan (IAP), and coordination with Collier County EOC. Today, Mayor Bill Barnett declared a Local State of Emergency which serves a primary administrative purpose and will provide the City the ability to buy supplies and services expeditiously, exercise emergency powers as necessary, and position the City to receive federal reimbursements.

Tomorrow is Election Day, and the City encourages all residents to vote. We are cooperating fully with the Supervisor of Elections to ensure our polling locations are safe and clean. The River Park Community Center, located at 301 11th St. N., is the voting location for Precinct 472 of Collier County. The Center will be open between the hours of 7:00AM – 7:00PM to accommodate voters who vote at the River Park Community Center.

Recreation Facility Closings – Out of the abundance of caution, the City of Naples will close the following facilities in accordance with the schedule below:

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 until further notice:

- All athletic fields - closed for league play
- Arthur Allen Tennis Center at Cambier Park
- Charlie C. Anthony Community Center at Charlie Anthony Park
- Eva Sugden-Gomez Center at Baker Park
- Fleischmann Park Community Center at Fleischmann Park
- Hedges Family Eco-Center at Naples Preserve
- Norris Center at Cambier Park
- River Park Aquatic Center
- Skate Park at Fleischmann Park
- Splash Pads at Baker Park and Fleischmann Park
- All permitted weddings and picnic shelter rentals at City facilities are cancelled.
- The computer lab, fitness center, and recreation programs at River Park Community Center will be closed; the Center remains open for voting.

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 until further notice:

- River Park Community Center

Naples City Parks – While certain recreation facilities will be closed, **City Public Parks will remain open**. The City recommends that Naples residents and visitors who wish to visit City parks should maintain appropriate social distancing as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Public restrooms at City parks and the Naples Pier will remain open to the public at this time. The concession stand at the Naples Pier will be closed beginning March 17, 2020 until further notice. City playgrounds were cleaned with a disinfectant on March 16, 2020.

The City continues to encourage you to take precautions and follow general health hygiene:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow (not your hands).
- Refrain from touching your face.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and hard surfaces often.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home. Be mindful of your health - especially if you are running an above normal temperature. CDC guidelines state you must be without a fever for at least a 24-hour period to be considered not contagious.
- Please check the CDC website for travel notices.

For the most up-to-date information and guidance, go to the Florida Department of Health website (www.floridahealth.gov) or contact the Collier County Health Department at (239) 252-8200. You can also reach the FDOH Call Center for COVID-19 at (866) 779-6121, Monday through Friday, 8AM-midnight. For City of Naples residents, Emergency Management has activated a COVID-19 hotline (239) 213-4902 that will be available Monday through Friday, 8:00AM – 5:00PM.

[The FDOH has launched the Florida COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard](#). Here you can see local, national, and international hot spots.

Additional resources and information about the flu and the Covid-19 can be found:

[Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[CDC – Covid-19 Situation Summary](#)

[State of Florida Department of Health](#)

[Collier County Health Department](#)

[Guidance for Travelers](#)

[Guidance for Businesses](#)

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