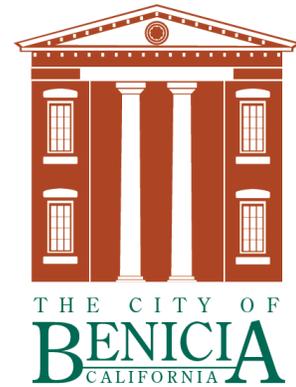


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**CITY OF BENICIA UPDATE ON COVID-19
FOR MARCH 31, 2020
City Extends Closures Through May 1, 2020**

Benicia, CA (March 31, 2020) — Today, City Manager Lorie Tinfow announced that City buildings and facilities will remain closed to the public through Friday, May 1, 2020, in recognition of the continuing need to minimize exposure of City staff and the public to the COVID-19 virus. Staff will continue to be available to answer questions and provide resources and referrals, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Contact information is available on each department’s page on the City’s website, www.ci.benicia.ca.us, or call the Community Services phone line at 707-746-4285, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 p.m.

The Phenix Dog Park has been closed effective today, due to the high number of people using the park without observing appropriate social distancing protocols. At this time, all other parks remain open, however, playgrounds are closed. Parks and other facilities may close without notice in order to ensure proper social distancing. While outdoor exercise is encouraged, large groups congregating is prohibited.

“Our residents may be going stir-crazy at this point, but we all know the importance of sheltering-at-home to limit exposure to COVID-19,” said City Manager Lorie Tinfow. “If you see a group of people congregating, go somewhere else for your fresh air. We want to keep our parks open for our residents but will be forced to close them if social distancing requirements are not met.”

In other COVID-19 news, Donation and Volunteer information is now available on the City of Benicia Coronavirus page <https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/coronavirus> along with the latest updates. The latest updates and resources for Benicia businesses are available at <https://www.beniciabusiness.com/covid-19>.

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