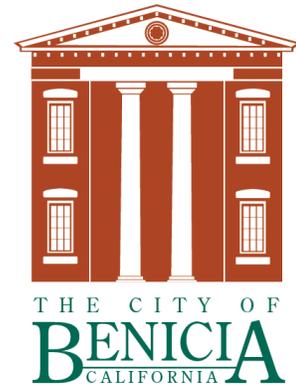


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**CITY OF BENICIA UPDATE ON COVID-19  
FOR APRIL 8, 2020  
City Encourages Residents to Stay Home for  
April Religious Observances**

**Benicia, CA** (April 8, 2020) — As we see the curve of new COVID-19 cases begin to flatten, the City of Benicia encourages those celebrating religious observances in April, like Easter this Sunday, to keep up the good work by celebrating at home. Use of Benicia parks for family outings is discouraged as social distancing is difficult to maintain with active children. Parks may close without notice if improper social distancing is observed.

“We’re beginning to see good results in Solano County, the Bay Area, and California due to the commitment of residents to shelter at home and use proper social distancing protocols,” said City Manager Lorie Tinfow. “We want to continue to flatten that curve by encouraging families to stay home over this holiday weekend. We’ve seen fun Easter inspiration online like Easter Twister, egg hunt obstacle courses, and virtual Easter dinners using videoconferencing. We encourage residents to make this year memorable by celebrating in fun and interesting ways that help keep everyone safe.”

Benicia Parks and Community Services shares Easter inspiration with ideas and activities on their Virtual Recreation Center page at <https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/virtualrec>. Benicia Public Library offers movies for free using Kanopy; check out the link at <https://benicia.kanopy.com/>.

As conditions change, updates will be shared on the City of Benicia Coronavirus webpage at <https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/coronavirus>. Follow the [City of Benicia](#), [Benicia Fire Department](#) and [Benicia Police Department](#) on social media and sign up at [www.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Nextdoor.com) for neighborhood updates and information from the City of Benicia.

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