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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **City playgrounds and drinking fountains closed until further notice**

**Kerrville, Texas (March 30, 2020)** – In an effort to make community health and wellness a priority, and out of an abundance of caution, the Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department will be closing all city park playgrounds and drinking fountains effective immediately until further notice. Parks and trails are remaining open for now. As a reminder, all Parks and Recreation events and activities are still postponed until further notice.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified mental health as a top concern associated with the COVID-19 outbreak. We recognize that physical distancing may take a toll on mental health, especially during public health emergencies. Parks provide a connection to the outdoors and green space as well as opportunities for physical activity which demonstrates reduced stress and improves mental health.

We believe that parks, trails, and open spaces can continue to be used in a safe manner that allows people to enjoy the mental and physical health benefits of parks. We strongly encourage all park goers to follow the CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to heading to

parks and trails — wash hands, carry hand sanitizer, do not use facilities if you have symptoms, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, etc.

Observe at all times the CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of six feet from other people. Refrain from using parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms of illness. Warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass to allow proper distance and step off trails to allow others to pass, keeping minimum recommended distances at all times.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (830) 257-7300, [recreation@kerrvilletx.gov](mailto:recreation@kerrvilletx.gov), visit the city's website at [www.kerrvilletx.gov](http://www.kerrvilletx.gov), or follow us on Facebook at City of Kerrville TX – City Hall or Instagram at cityofkerrville.



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