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### **LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOLF COURSES AND TRAILS REOPEN SATURDAY, MAY 9; PARKS REMAIN OPEN MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 10**

LOS ANGELES – As COVID-19 is a fluid crisis with rapid changes affecting parks facilities, the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks) continues to assess operations daily in consultation with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on necessary safety precautions. Based on Stage Two of the reopening plan for the County of Los Angeles, LA County Parks has modified its operations to begin the multi-phased approach to public access of golf courses and trails on Saturday, May 9.

LA County Parks is taking precautions to ensure the health and safety of park guests, team members, and the community remains the top priority upon reopening. LA County Parks will launch a park monitor program at golf courses and trails to remind players, visitors, and trail users of physical distancing requirements that remain in place. Staff training, prominent signage, and operations protocols are also part of the department's necessary preparation and deployment for reopening.

The development of these protocols comes after consultation with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and input from the Golf Re-Opening Task Force and the Countywide Trail Re-Opening Task Force consisting of Local, State and Federal Park and Recreation organizations and trail managing partners. Adherence is critical to safely operate these open facilities so the community can enjoy the emotional and physical benefits provided by golf and trails.

While the golf courses and trails will reopen, there are specific restrictions and safety guidelines that the public must follow in accordance with the health officer order. These include but are not limited to, the following:

#### **Golf Courses – Reopening on Saturday, May 9**

- Golf courses are open for regular play of no more than 4 players per tee time. Tee times will be at least 10 minutes apart. No tournaments or group play.

- Physical distancing of 6 feet always required. No group gathering allowed on the course or in the parking lot.
- Online reservations and payment recommended. Golf courses will accept payment online, only by debit, credit or gift card.
- Push carts and walking recommended. Golf carts are limited to single riders.
- Rental golf clubs and push carts are not available.
- Bring your own water. Drinking fountains are closed.
- Golfers may not touch, remove or adjust the flag stick during their round. Course green cups are touchless. Rakes, ball washers, benches, divot boxes and sand bottles will be removed.
- Driving ranges open. One-hour time limit may be enforced. Practice putting and chipping greens remain closed.
- Clubhouses and pro shops remain closed. Restaurants and cafes open for take-out only.

#### **Trails – Reopening on Saturday, May 9**

- Trail users are encouraged to check the [Trails LA County website](#) for updated guidelines, notifications, and up-to-date information prior to visiting trails. The trails website offers information for over 600 miles of trails that residents can visit and experience the wonderful outdoors.
- Download the Trails LA County mobile app before heading out for real-time updates and offline location tracking and trail information to explore the extensive trail network within our diverse landscapes across the County.
- Do not visit public trails and trailheads if feeling sick and/or exhibiting any symptoms of illness.
- Follow all posted regulations at trails and trailhead facilities
- Physical distancing of 6 feet always required. No group gathering allowed on trails or in the parking lot.
- Limit visit to members of your household only.
- Trail users over the age of 2 are required to wear face coverings at trailheads, parking lots and while on the trail.
- Consider avoiding popular locations that are prone to crowds.
- Alert trail users of your presence and step aside to let others pass.
- Bring water, hand sanitizer and/or disinfecting wipes to wash or sanitize hands frequently.
- Practice the leave-no-trace principles on the trails to protect park staff and wildlife.

#### **Mother’s Day – Parks stay open on Sunday, May 10**

Local, community and regional parks, botanic gardens (except Descanso Gardens) will remain open on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 10, for passive use, such as walking, jogging,

and leisure time outdoors for individuals or families. Since the holiday is one of the busiest days of the year, LA County Parks reminds all park guests that social distancing is required and group gatherings are prohibited by the health order.

For more information on closures and changes in response to COVID-19, visit the LA County Parks website at <https://parks.lacounty.gov/covid-19>.

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### **About LA County Parks and Recreation**

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation manages 183 parks and operates a network of 9 regional parks, 38 neighborhood parks, 20 community parks, 15 wildlife sanctuaries, 8 nature centers, 41 public swimming pools, more than 200 miles of multi-use trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding, and the largest municipal golf system in the nation, consisting of 20 golf courses. The department also maintains four botanical centers: The Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, the South Coast Botanic Garden, Descanso Gardens, and Virginia Robinson Gardens. The department also owns and operates the iconic Hollywood Bowl and John Anson Ford Amphitheatre which are jointly managed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, providing County residents with valuable entertainment and cultural resources.



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