

For Immediate Release

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Cameron County Judge

CAMERON COUNTY PARKS AND PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS AREAS

Effective immediately, the Cameron County Parks and Recreation's Plan to Partially Re-Open Coastal and Community Parks Plan is hereby suspended with the exception of certain restrictions that pertain to Community Parks and Social Service Centers. As such, Cameron County Coastal Parks and Public Beach Access Areas will revert to normal hours.

The County strongly encourages the public to follow the recommended individual health protocols outlined by the Texas Department of Health and Human Services: https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx. Specifically, the County recommends guests practice social distancing, use appropriate hygiene and sanitizing etiquette, avoid crowds, limit physical contact, and use facial coverings to help slow the spread of the virus. Further recommendations and or restrictions may follow as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

Peak Season Hours (March to Labor Day)

Adolph Thomae, Jr. County Park Open 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Andy Bowie Park (Gate Hours) - Beach Access No. 3 (Gate Hours) Open 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Andy Bowie Park (North Flats) - Beach Access No. 4 - Boca Chica Beach Open 24-hours, unless closed by Order.

Beach Access No. 5 (Gate Hours) - Beach Access No. 6 (Gate Hours) - E.K. Atwood Park (Gate Hours)

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays)

Isla Blanca Park Entrance (Gate Hours)
Open 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

County Community Parks

Due to sanitation concerns and for the health and safety of residents, drinking water fountains, playgrounds and water recreational areas, such as swimming pools and splash pads, will remain closed until further notice.

Community Parks will only be open for walking, jogging, nature watching, or picnicking purposes.

Prohibited activities on the park: Contact sports (such as basketball, football, volleyball, soccer, baseball/softball, etc.) or any activity that requires a ball.

Social Service Centers - Community Centers

The following programs/services will be canceled until further notice: BISD Adult Continuing Education, Summer Program, Exercise Programs, Demonstration Cooking, Arts & Crafts, and Community Center Rentals

Only agencies that provide services deemed essential will be allowed at the Centers until further notice.

Schedule: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Temporary Rules:

- 1. Visitors shall maintain physical distance of 6 feet.
- 2. Visitors shall wear facial cover or mask while in facilities.
- 3. Agencies shall meet with families by appointment only.
- 4. Only one family at time is allowed in the building with no more than two family members.
- 5. Visitors shall dispose of their own waste properly.

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