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## Park (Indoor), Library and Other Community Facilities to Close for Two Weeks

### OPERATING STATUS UPDATE

FAIRFAX COUNTY  
VIRGINIA

Posted at 4:25 p.m.

Effective Monday, March 16, Fairfax County park (indoor), library and other community facilities will be closed for two weeks. The impacted facilities include recreation (RECenters), nature, community, resource and teen centers, as well as golf courses, historic sites and (permitted use of) athletic fields and picnic shelters.

Visit the [Park Authority](#) for more details.

The county has also closed all senior center and adult day health care facilities.

Some of these facilities will be used as meal distribution centers to serve the community as needed. As the coronavirus situation continues to unfold the status of these facilities will be continuously re-evaluated.

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## 114 responses to “Park (Indoor), Library and Other Community Facilities to Close for Two Weeks”

Samantha says : [March 15, 2020 at 4:39 pm](#)

Your latest update is very vague. Are you closing Fairfax County RECenters? I recommend reissuing a more clear announcement .

Mary says : [March 15, 2020 at 4:42 pm](#)

It says recreation centers right up there 🙄

Karin Schuster says : [March 15, 2020 at 5:43 pm](#)  
employees?

Elizabeth says : [March 15, 2020 at 4:45 pm](#)

RecCenter seems like clearly a recreational center, which were explicitly listed.

Anonymous says : [March 15, 2020 at 4:48 pm](#)

Statement says it included recreation facilities

Anonymous says : [March 15, 2020 at 7:08 pm](#)

Will the CSB facilities be open?

Anonymous says : [March 15, 2020 at 11:08 pm](#)

What is a CSB?

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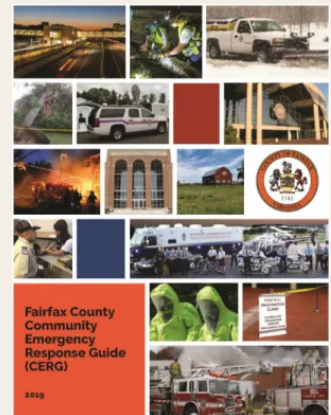


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Fairfax County Emergency Information says : March 16, 2020 at 9:14 am

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) provides services for people of all ages who have mental illness, substance use disorders and/or developmental disabilities. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/>

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 4:42 pm

Agree with that. I was wondering about RECenters as well.

Linda Crone says : March 15, 2020 at 6:02 pm

"The impacted facilities include recreation (RECenters)," stated above.

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 4:45 pm

Does this include dog parks?

Fairfax County Emergency Information says : March 15, 2020 at 4:51 pm

Our parks, dog parks and trails remain open at this time but we reiterate the need for social distancing and mandated avoidance of any large gatherings or group activities.

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 8:30 pm

will gates to parks with trails be open for parking? Will regional parks like Riverbend be open?

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 4:45 pm

Are Malls closed? This is a very vague statement.

Fairfax County Emergency Information says : March 15, 2020 at 4:47 pm

This does not include malls. Only the Fairfax County government facilities listed.

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 4:46 pm

Does this mean the outdoor parts of parks are off limits, such as trails, or does this just mean the facilities themselves such as the buildings?

Fairfax County Emergency Information says : March 15, 2020 at 4:47 pm

Just the buildings.

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 4:47 pm

Does this also mean park walking trails?

Fairfax County Emergency Information says : March 15, 2020 at 4:49 pm

Parks, dog parks and trails remain open at this time but we reiterate the need for social distancing and mandated avoidance of any large gatherings or group activities.

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 5:51 pm

Thank you for all you do! I know this is tough for you all as well!

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 4:51 pm

If I have library books due should I just hold them until the library reopens?

Fairfax County Emergency Information says : March 15, 2020 at 5:12 pm

Book drops will remain open.

Jen says : March 15, 2020 at 4:52 pm

Will library books that are due have indefinite extension dates & waived late fees?

Fairfax County Emergency Information says : March 15, 2020 at 5:04 pm

Yes, fees will be waived. More details on the library website Monday. Thanks!

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 8:38 pm

Libraries are closed but staff are still working.

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 4:55 pm

How will classes be handled? Will there be make up dates?

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 4:56 pm

Define "community facilities"

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 4:57 pm

Can you clarify if that includes outdoor space such as fields or playgrounds?

Jan says : March 15, 2020 at 4:58 pm

What about the circuit court?

Fairfax County Emergency Information says : March 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm

As of right now, this is the latest from Circuit Court: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/circuit/covid-19-update-circuit-court>

Anonymous says : March 16, 2020 at 3:50 pm

Tried this link and it says "Page Not Found"

Anonymous says : March 16, 2020 at 7:46 pm

Use this link: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/circuit/coronavirus> and then click on Fairfax Circuit Court COVID-19 Procedures — which will download a PDF of the information.

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 5:01 pm

Does this include RECenters?

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 11:03 pm

Yes

Renee Amodeo says : March 15, 2020 at 5:01 pm

Will bookdrops still be open? I need to return book & video

Fairfax County Emergency Information says : March 15, 2020 at 5:12 pm

Yes, they will be open.

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 5:04 pm

My mother-in-law relies on library books by mail. Is that going to continue?

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 5:26 pm

Does this include the Fairfax County One Stop Career Works Centers? What about the SNAP/Medicaid lobbies? Thank you.

Anonymous says : March 15, 2020 at 5:06 pm

What about the spring classes with the ReCenter / Parktakes? We have outdoor tennis classes starting next week. Would it be cancelled? Would it be refunded or rescheduled? Thanks for working on weekends to keep everyone informed.

John says : March 15, 2020 at 5:07 pm

Can understand cancelling rec center classes – but not closing the entire facilities for those using them with some responsibility. Meanwhile, bars are packed, restaurants are open, malls, stores, etc. will the County be extending expiration dates for pass holders?

Al says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:46 pm**

Since it appears that the county does not think that I am responsible enough to take care of my own sanitary needs, then it would seem logical that they extend my annual pass that I just paid for by two weeks as well or give me a refund for those two weeks. Is price adjustment or extensions being considered? This in light of seeing that the rates will be increasing makes me wonder if next year we will be paying a higher price so that the mass media's mass hysteria will mean that it is standard to assume the Rec Centers will close.

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 8:35 pm**

Do not blame the media, this is real I assume you are young person, probably a selfish been , hopefully your grandparents are not with you!

K says : **March 15, 2020 at 9:07 pm**

Are you for real? People, the answers to most all of your questions are in the responses and the initial article. Read the centers are closed, trails and unmanaged parks are there, library books can be returned or held until reopened. There are a lot of moving parts to serve all the people in this county, This is not a media thing or a hoax, until we get people to stay still for a while to stop exposing folks we need to come together and be patient with each other.

Concerned Citizen says : **March 16, 2020 at 10:39 am**

Shocked in this critical time that you do not yet seem to understand the need for social distancing. Italy had over 350 people die within 24 hours and we are two weeks behind them.

Teri says : **March 15, 2020 at 9:11 pm**

When The Schools Closed, I thought the ReCenters would be next and they were. My next guess is that the Malls, restaurants, bars, and shops are next.

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:09 pm**

Since the preschool is closed for 2 weeks, will you provide refund for this period?

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:13 pm**

Will county government centers be open?

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:16 pm**

Does this mean Fairfax County Softball?

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:16 pm**

are REcenters closed as well?

Fairfax County Emergency Information says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:43 pm**

Yes.

Katrina Sarlin says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:17 pm**  
Is the closure effective Open of Business Monday 3/16/2020?

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:18 pm**  
FAX Softball leagues?

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:19 pm**  
Can i still return books before their due date at the drop off windows at the library

**Fairfax County Emergency Information** says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:43 pm**  
Yes.

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:20 pm**  
Will Community Service Board facilities be open?

CRoberts says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:21 pm**  
Will Community Service Board facilities be open?

Vernon Bashaw says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:22 pm**  
Will parking lots at parks remain open?

Teresa says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:24 pm**  
What about the Fairfax Gov Center office building where there are what – 1,000 employees? Is that staying open? When will employees be told they can telework?

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 8:56 pm**  
No kidding!!! The world wonders. Seems they are just waiting until it is too late to matter!

Anonymous says : **March 18, 2020 at 7:05 am**  
I agree. I work in the Gov center, its so many employees and should we include all the non employee people. I have been waiting for them to let us telework.

Katrina Sarlin says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:24 pm**  
Does this include the Packard Center in the Annandale Community Park?

Katrina Sarlin says : **March 15, 2020 at 6:03 pm**

Fred M. Packard Center 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale Community Park, Annandale, VA 22003  
Home to many non-profits, including Artisans United, Inc. with craft Guilds and a Craft Gallery with gifts.

Additional facilities in the Annandale Community Park include the Hidden Oaks Nature Center.

Katrina Sarlin says : **March 16, 2020 at 1:23 pm**

I have found out this does not apply to the Packard Center.

AClaire says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:29 pm**

What about Frying Pan Park? Can we still go in the barns to see the animals? We had planned to do that tomorrow.

Nvcox says : **March 15, 2020 at 9:44 pm**

The idea that people are seemingly slow to understand is that people who are able to, are supposed to STAY HOME! This is not a time for field trips or play dates. Buildings associated with parks will be closed. Please keep your family at home to protect yourselves and others. Otherwise we will all be locked down for a long time.

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:29 pm**

Are the employees of these facilities required to work?

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:32 pm**

What about the employees in these agencies. Is telework allowed? Will they still be able to get paid?  
Please let us know

**Fairfax County Emergency Information** says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:44 pm**

Employees will be contacted directly.

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:33 pm**

Does this include training gyms like Lifetime Fitness, Xsport fitness, etc?

**Fairfax County Emergency Information** says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:44 pm**

No, those are private businesses.

Unknown says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:37 pm**

Are employees of these county government buildings on close down status also?

Mrs. Smith says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:37 pm**

I have a community question regarding the decision to close the Greater Mt. Vernon childcare center for meal two weeks for the children, but not the staff. Our center is housed in the same building as the Recreation Center. Then we were told that the staff will assist the Community Center with passing out meals. We are prone to catching this virus just like everyone else. .

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:39 pm**

Will the restrooms in the libraries be open? I really gotta take a dump

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 11:05 pm**

No

Veronica says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:40 pm**

The RECenter?

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 5:57 pm**

Can part time staff still come in to do special projects during the closure to still earn money?

Gena Ec says : **March 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm**

Does this include volunteer activities at Mason District Government Center?

Luke Pedulla says : **March 15, 2020 at 6:06 pm**

Will boat ramps like the one at Burke Lake remain open?

D.H. says : **March 15, 2020 at 6:16 pm**

Hi, Does this include the campground at Lake Fairfax? We have reservations to camp next weekend. Thanks!

Christyn says : **March 15, 2020 at 6:24 pm**

Will online books still be able to be checked out?!

Rebecca Wolff says : **March 15, 2020 at 10:41 pm**

Yes

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 6:45 pm**

What do we do about community Nursing Homes?

Are Staff the only people in and out?

Do we restrict visitors? Do we accept new patients?

Do staff lock themselves in and don't go home to their families for 2-3 weeks and neglect their children?

Derek says : **March 15, 2020 at 6:49 pm**  
Does include campsites like bull run?

Karina Simpson says : **March 15, 2020 at 6:53 pm**  
What about CSB offices? Will they be closed?

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 6:55 pm**  
The county should force daycares to close. We need to protect our babies!

Rachel says : **March 15, 2020 at 7:01 pm**  
The county should force daycares to close. We need to protect our babies

kathryn hayes says : **March 15, 2020 at 7:06 pm**  
What about books on hold ready for pickup. Will you extend pickup til open again?

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 7:09 pm**  
What about homedaycare?

Melanie says : **March 15, 2020 at 7:11 pm**  
Will we still be able to access park trails (such as bull run) where we can park for free (such as by the stone bridge)?

anon says : **March 15, 2020 at 7:14 pm**  
Are park volunteer opportunities canceled also for the next weeks?

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 7:25 pm**  
How about basketball and tennis court?

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 7:38 pm**  
Thanks for all you're doing! Will boat ramps remain open in the county parks?

JB says : **March 15, 2020 at 7:38 pm**  
Online libraries are still open. Took all of 3 minutes to get access.

Tamara McIn says : **March 15, 2020 at 7:56 pm**  
What about the Town of Herndon Recreation Center? Will they be open?

Alexi says : **March 15, 2020 at 8:07 pm**

What about free stuff? Where will my free stuff come from? Will there still be equality outcomes? Will everyone suffer equally?

Kelly says : **March 15, 2020 at 8:34 pm**

Hi, I know it said that permitted use of athletic fields is not allowed. Does this include open field time and use? Thanks

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 8:43 pm**

Does this include open field use or just permitted events on the athletic fields?

J Morgan says : **March 15, 2020 at 9:13 pm**

Closing parks is a horrible decision. Give some guidance about distancing and let people get outside.  
#governmentfailure

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 10:10 pm**

Fairfax County Emergency Information says : **March 15, 2020 at 4:49 pm**

Parks, dog parks and trails remain open at this time but we reiterate the need for social distancing and mandated avoidance of any large gatherings or group activities.

>> Trails are not closed, parks are not closed, just the buildings.

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 11:07 pm**

Thanks

Fairfax County Emergency Information says : **March 16, 2020 at 8:02 am**

Outdoor parks are not closed. Only indoor facilities.

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 9:47 pm**

Why will you not answer about CSB?

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 11:07 pm**

What is CSB?

Anonymous says : **March 15, 2020 at 11:58 pm**

Community Services Board

Karina Simpson says : **March 15, 2020 at 11:59 pm**

County mental health services. They help adults and children.

Fairfax County Emergency Information says : **March 16, 2020 at 9:14 am**

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) provides services for people of all ages who have mental illness, substance use disorders and/or developmental disabilities.

Andy Ruse says : **March 16, 2020 at 11:11 am**

So are CSB facilities open or closed? It says adult day health care facilities, does that include community service board facilities?

Andy Ruse says : **March 16, 2020 at 11:14 am**

Are community service board facilities included? It now mentions adult day health care, does that include CSB outpatient services?

Anonymous says : **March 16, 2020 at 1:40 pm**

Is Fairfax planning to reschedule or cancel all employee training classes at the Government Center for the next two weeks? I'm pretty sure we will not be seated 6 ft. apart to avoid contact due to this virus.

Anonymous says : **March 17, 2020 at 5:28 pm**

I was scheduled for one of the computer classes next week, and I received an email with a link to do the training remotely.

A Bradford says : **March 16, 2020 at 5:28 pm**

I tried to take a walk with my 75 year old father at my local park today, which is one of the few things we can do outside, and we had to dodge quite a few heavy breathing young joggers going right past us on the path. Since young people can have the virus and transmit it asymptotically, this was a cause for concern for us. With so many people home and the kids out of school, there seemed to be many more joggers using this trail than usual. I don't know if there is a solution other than to walk somewhere less popular, but thought I would share about it none-the-less.

Teri says : **March 17, 2020 at 10:31 am**

Just Curious. What is the Situation with NovaParks? Like Meadowlark Botanical Gardens? It's open?

Anonymous says : **March 17, 2020 at 5:14 pm**

By keeping the CSB sites open and requiring the staff to continue to run groups (groups that may have more than 10 people), you are putting the staff and the clients in danger. The "essential personnel" only plan should be implemented now, not when there has been a positive report in one of the buildings or an outbreak of the virus. Many of the individuals being served are not even aware of the severity of this virus and may not be able to understand the symptoms they are suppose to look out for. They are also the ones with underlining health issues and are more at-risk for getting this virus. The county needs to close the CSB and not put their employees or the individuals being served at-risk. There are some employees with underlining health issues and that are more at-risk but their job does not allow them to telework or they are being required to use their leave, leave they may not have much of. What about those employees? The CSB needs to work with their employees and allow everyone that is non-essential staff to telework, not just pick and choose what programs can telework and which ones cannot. You are putting more of the community members and the employees, dedicated employees of Fairfax County, at-risk. Take swift action and preventative measures...

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