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Alert

LAKEFRONT TRAIL CLOSURE ALERT:

The following sections are closed: the bike & pedestrian trails from Fullerton Ave. to North Ave, the bike & pedestrian trails from Oak St. to Ohio St., and the pedestrian trail from 47th St. to 51st St. For detour information view the [Lakefront Trail Updates Map](#).

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Following the recent announcement regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and guidelines set forth by Governor Pritzker and Mayor Lightfoot, the Chicago Park District is developing plans to ensure the health and safety of its patrons and workforce.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS + FAMILIES

The Chicago Department of Public Health advises everyone to stay home. If that is not an option, all Chicago parks and park fieldhouses, with the exception of our smallest facilities and CPS school parks, will remain open during normal operating hours for basic needs (i.e. washrooms and shelter).

In response to Chicago schools closing, the District will provide enhanced programming at [18 designated parks](#). Families in need of these services can expect age-appropriate activities for students. It is important to note, the District must limit capacity at each location to 250 in order to combat the community spread of COVID-19, or less based on facility capacity.

PROGRAMS + EVENTS

Effective Sunday, March 15th, all regularly scheduled Chicago Park District programs will be suspended until further notice. In the meantime, we will evaluate the need to suspend Spring 2020 programs which are scheduled to begin March 30th. In the event the District must cancel Spring 2020 programs, registration fees will be credited for future use.

All Chicago Park District events with attendance of 250 people or more will be postponed.

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

The District is working closely with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) to monitor and respond to concerns regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). As of today, March 13, the Chicago Park District has not received information suggesting that any patron or employee has contracted COVID-19.

We continue to strongly urge patrons to take precautions to protect their health and safety such as frequently washing their hands for at least 20 seconds, avoid touching their face with unwashed hands, and covering their noses and mouths when sneezing or coughing.

We've implemented several safety measures to protect everyone in our facilities, including increasing cleaning, sanitation, and urging staff members who are sick to stay home. In addition, the Chicago Park District will not activate outdoor drinking fountains to minimize the threat of COVID-19 community spread.

For everyone's safety, we ask patrons to stay home and keep their children home if they are not feeling well or have traveled internationally to an area with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 and returned home within the last 14 days.

Due to the evolving nature of COVID-19, the Chicago Park District is constantly monitoring conditions at all parks to determine if any adjustments are needed to ensure the safety of our parks and surrounding communities.

We also encourage residents to continue to check the [Chicago Department of Public Health](#) and [Centers for Disease Control](#) websites for the most up-to-date information and guidance. Stay connected to the [Chicago Park District](#) website for programming and event updates.

Sincerely,

 Michael P. Kelly, General Superintendent & CEO signature

Michael P. Kelly
General Superintendent and CEO of the Chicago Park District

Enhanced Programming Parks

The following 18 park locations will provide enhanced programming while Chicago schools are closed. These programs are free.

Prior registration is requested but not required. Onsite registration will be available. Register online now by clicking on the related 'Register Now' button below. Patrons are encouraged to bring a lunch and snacks.

PARK	ADDRESS	REGISTRATION LINK
Avalon Park	1215 E. 83rd St.	Register Now
Columbus Park	500 S. Central Ave.	Register Now
Eckhart Park	1330 W. Chicago Ave.	Register Now
Fosco Park	1312 S. Racine Ave.	Register Now
Gage Park	2411 W. 55th St.	Register Now
Gill Park	825 W. Sheridan Rd.	Register Now
Jackson Park	6401 S. Stony Island Ave.	Register Now
Kennicott Park	4434 S. Lake Park Ave.	Register Now
Kosciuszko Park	2732 N. Avers Ave.	Register Now
Margate Park	4921 N. Marine Drive	Register Now
McKinley Park	2210 W. Pershing Rd.	Register Now
Norwood Park	5801 N. Natoma Ave.	Register Now
Piotrowski Park	4247 W. 31st St.	Register Now
Ridge Park	817 W. 96th Street	Register Now
Sauganash Park	5861 N. Kostner Ave.	Register Now

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