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Department of Parks and Recreation announces closure of various facilities; Mayor's Track Meet on April 4 and 5 is canceled

The County of Kaua'i Department of Parks and Recreation is announcing closures of various county facilities and events – starting Monday, March 16, for a period of 60 days – due to the public health concerns regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Additionally, the Mayor's Track Meet scheduled on April 4 and 5 has been canceled.

The following events and permits at County of Kaua'i facilities will be canceled beginning March 16 for up to 60 days:

- All private parties and community events at all County of Kaua'i pavilions;
- All camping at county beach parks;
- All private parties, classes, programs, and community events at neighborhood centers – with the exception of the Spring Fun program at the Līhu'e and Hanapēpē Neighborhood Centers;
- All indoor sporting events at County facilities;
- All events at the Kaua'i War Memorial Convention Hall; and
- All large gatherings of more than 100 people, including private parties and community events at all County of Kaua'i properties.

The following facilities and events will continue to operate during normal business hours, with caretakers enhancing disinfecting protocols:



- The County of Kaua'i Spring Fun program at the Līhu'e and Hanapēpē Neighborhood Centers;
- Outdoor sporting events at County facilities;
- The Wailua Golf Course; and
- The Waimea and Kapa'a swimming pools.

Mayor Kawakami signed an emergency proclamation on March 4, 2020, for the County of Kaua'i, in order to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Kaua'i from the potential spread of the COVID-19. The Mayor's proclamation was issued in coordination with the Governor's Office and fellow counties.

On March 11, the County Council approved the release of \$2 million from the Disaster Response Reserves fund for the purpose of funding emergency expenditures to meet the public emergency needs related to COVID-19.

The state Department of Health recommends the following to help prevent the spread of respiratory illness:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from illnesses, including COVID-19. Keep in mind that supplies are limited and we need to make sure there are enough masks for our front-line health care workers. If you are sick then wear a mask to protect the people around you.

- Prepare for the possibility that people may want to stay home or may be asked to stay home to prevent the spread of illness.
- If you have daily medication needs, have more than a week's supply on hand and have as much on hand as your insurance will allow you to have.
- Not everyone can afford to stock up on supplies or has the space to store them, but anything you can arrange in advance means one less inconvenience or one less trip to the store while you are sick.
- Make family plans for the possibility of school or day care closures. Do some contingency planning in advance at the family level.

To view a copy of the emergency proclamation, visit the County of Kaua'i's website at www.kauai.gov/KEMA.

For more information and to sign up for daily updates from the state Department of Health relating to current COVID-19 information, visit <https://health.hawaii.gov/news/covid-19-updates/>.

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