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TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIONS ON COVID-19 PREVENTION

The City of Tucson is actively working with local, state, and federal partners monitoring the presence of COVID-19 coronavirus in our region and implementing policies and actions that will supplement those being taken by other local jurisdictions to prevent the spread of the virus. As a part of this effort, Tucson Parks and Recreation will be taking the below steps to protect employees and the public.

“Protecting the health and well-being of our most vulnerable populations is Mayor and Council’s top priority,” said Mayor Regina Romero. “We are grateful for the partnership with the Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) to continue our Senior Meal Program and ensure that our seniors continue having access to a safe and nutritious source for meals.”

All events hosted by the department throughout the next few weeks have been canceled. These events include the EGGstravaganza scheduled for April 4, as well as the Egg Hunt in the Park at Quincie Douglas, and Therapeutic Recreation programs and events.

All senior programming will be suspended at our facilities until further notice due to the increased risk our senior community members face from COVID-19. **We are committed to ensuring that all Senior Meal Program participants will continue to receive meals during this time and are working in partnership with PCOA to make that happen.**

Beginning Monday, March 16, frozen meals will be provided to seniors enrolled in the congregate meals program. Pickup times will be scheduled at all eight of our meal sites. There will be no change for the program's home delivery participants.

For those individuals who received SunVan vouchers for transportation to and from the meal sites, home delivery accommodations are being made.

After careful consideration, we will be continuing as scheduled with our leisure classes, youth programs (SchoolzOut Camps, InBetweeners Club, and KIDCO), regular center and aquatics activities (excluding senior programming), and slowpitch softball leagues. We will be encouraging the community and staff to take the actions recommended by the



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Pima County Health Department, which include taking extra care in hand-washing, making sure to cover coughs and sneezes, respecting personal space, refraining from touching our faces, and staying home if you are or become ill, as well as making an even more conscious effort to maintain cleanliness on our premises and in our facilities. Decisions about these programs could change as we continue to monitor the situation. We encourage individuals to make their own personal decision regarding comfort level in attending or participating at this time.

These actions are effective immediately and will last through the end of March, at which point we will reexamine our policies. We feel that all actions taken to halt the COVID-19 or any other virus are meant to protect our community and the amazing individuals who live and play here in order to maintain their activity and productivity.

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