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## **Lorain County Metro Parks Facility Closures**

*Precautionary Measures to Prevent Community Spread of COVID-19*

[Lagrange, OH, March 13, 2020] As a public health precaution due to COVID-19 (coronavirus), all Lorain County Metro Parks (LCMP) indoor public facilities will temporarily close to the public starting Monday, March 16.

All LCMP programs and scheduled events have been canceled effective immediately, Friday, March 13. All fees associated with programs and facility rentals will be refunded.

At this time, all outdoor parks, playgrounds, and park trails will remain open to visitors. Staff will continue to report to work and will participate in the increased efforts to disinfect and sanitize our buildings. It is out of an abundance of caution and care for our visitors and staff that we have made this decision.

Mercy Health Outpatient Services will continue to hold appointments at the Amherst HealthPlex (47160 Hollstein Drive, Amherst, OH 44001). Please contact Mercy Health for additional details.

For those who do choose to visit our outdoor spaces, we respectfully request that they follow all of the recommended sanitary protocols. These include washing hands frequently and for 20 seconds or longer, cover all coughs and sneezes, keep hands away from the face, and practice social distancing of at least 6 feet from others.

We tentatively plan on reopening our facilities on Saturday, April 4, 2020, as outlined by Governor Mike DeWine for Ohio schools. Due to the rapidly changing nature of the situation, please visit our website or Facebook page for updates or possible extensions to this closure. We continue to monitor the situation very closely based upon information that is provided by the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, the Lorain Public Health, Lorain County Emergency Services, and the Governor's office.

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