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### **CAMERON COUNTY TEMPORARILY CLOSES COUNTY PARKS AND COUNTY BEACH ACCESS AREAS**

Effective 7:00 PM today, March 16, 2020, Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. has ordered the closure of County Parks and County beach access areas. The following parks and beach access areas will be closed to the public until further notice:

Isla Blanca Park  
Andy Bowie Park  
E.K. Atwood Park  
Adolph Thomae, Jr. Park  
County Beach Access No. 3  
County Beach Access No. 4  
County Beach Access No. 5  
County Beach Access No. 6  
Boca Chica Beach  
Jaime J. Zapata Memorial Boat Ramp  
Bejarano-McFarland Memorial Park  
Pedro "Pete" Benavides Park  
Laureles Regional Park  
El Ranchito Community Park  
El Ranchito Recreational Park  
Santa Maria Community Park  
La Paloma Regional Park  
Santa Rosa Community Park  
La Esperanza Community Park  
El Centro Cultural

The Cameron County Parks department will not be accepting reservations for the rentals of the Community Centers, which include the Santa Maria Community Center and the auditorium at El Centro Cultural. During this time period, no RV reservations will be accepted.

The closure of the parks and beach accesses are being undertaken out of an abundance of caution for the protection of public safety due to the Coronavirus disease (COVID – 19). Cameron County will continue to monitor and will take the appropriate action to open the parks and beach access areas accordingly.

CDC, in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings, recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.

At this time, Cameron County has canceled and/or suspended all County-sponsored functions or events with an estimated attendance of more than 250 people.

In addition, I strongly recommend that all similar events, public or private, on South Padre Island or throughout the County, should also be canceled and/or suspended for the same time period. At this time and based upon the best and most up-to-date information, I strongly recommend and request that our local business leaders exercise their best judgment with respect to their individual venues and events. No order or recommendation from any local, state, or federal government entity should be utilized to absolve or excuse individuals or business owners of their responsibility to themselves, patrons, and the public at large. If, or when the situation warrants, I will not hesitate to take further actions as may be appropriate for the protection of the public.

My top priority is the safety and well-being of the people of Cameron County and taking these precautionary measures should help in that endeavor. Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact my office at (956) 544-0830.

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