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Roseburg Closes Playgrounds, Sports Fields and Courts

Roseburg, OR – The City of Roseburg, in compliance with Executive Order 20-12, is closing all playgrounds, and sports fields and courts until further notice. City parks, with the exception of Sunshine Park, are still open to the public for individuals and families, but group gatherings are prohibited.

The closure comes in response to Governor Kate Brown’s Executive Order, titled “Stay Home Save Lives,” which imposes requirements for outdoor areas that may increase the spread of COVID-19. Starting immediately, the following areas are closed until further notice.

- Playgrounds
- Tennis courts
- Basketball courts
- Volleyball courts
- Roseburg Skate Park
- Sunshine Park

City Manager, Nikki Messenger elaborates on the closures. “The current order does not require us to close all of the parks,” says Messenger. “People can still go for walks, bike, run and do other forms of passive recreation in most of our parks. As long as they maintain proper social distancing, and avoid gathering in groups, individuals and families can still enjoy our park system.”

The one exception is Sunshine Park, which will close to the public until further notice. “Given that Sunshine Park is primarily a sports complex, we have decided to close that park so that we may focus our limited resources on parks that are located in neighborhoods or have large open spaces that facilitate social distancing,” says Messenger.

For more information on the closures, please contact City Hall via phone at 541-492-6700 or email at info@cityofroseburg.org, or visit the City’s website at www.cityofroseburg.org.

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