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## **Lorain County Metro Parks COVID-19 Update**

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

[Lagrange, OH, April 29, 2020] As the situation regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus) continues to evolve, the Lorain County Metro Parks (LCMP) will move forward with the following updated policies and procedures.

**Effective Friday May 1, all parks will be open 8 a.m.- 8 p.m., daily. In addition to this, restrooms will be reopened.** However, the following closures will remain in place until further notice:

- all indoor public facilities (including restrooms with facility access only)
- playgrounds/splash pads
- benches
- water fountains
- bike stations

We respectfully request visitors continue to follow recommended sanitary protocols including frequent hand washing and social distancing.

Under strict operating guidelines to ensure the safety of visitors and staff, Forest Hills Golf Course has reopened as of Friday, April 24, 2020.

All previously scheduled public programs have been cancelled until further notice. We continue to develop new virtual programs and more. For the most up-to-date list of programs and events, visit [www.loraincountymetroparks.com](http://www.loraincountymetroparks.com).

All summer concerts and the Mill Hollow Classic Cruisin' Car Show have been cancelled for 2020. The Black River Celebration has been cancelled with plans to reschedule for 2021.

All room reservations and shelter rentals have been cancelled through May 31. Beginning May 4, at 8 a.m., those who wish to reschedule a cancelled room reservation may contact (440) 458-5121 or [events@loraincountymetroparks.com](mailto:events@loraincountymetroparks.com). New reservations will be accepted starting May 11, at 8 a.m. Reservations may be made for dates after August 31, 2020.

LCMP is reassessing the scheduled lineup of Summer Camps. Some camp formats are able to be redesigned to meet necessary safety measures while others must be cancelled. For current information on camp availability, please visit [www.loraincountymetroparks.com/summer-camps](http://www.loraincountymetroparks.com/summer-camps).

LCMP remains optimistic and continues to prepare for a reopening of all facilities and programs. We continue to closely monitor the situation and abide by recommendations from local health officials, and state and federal governments.

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