

## News Release

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### **CVRD closes park facilities, parks and trails remain open with safety precautions**

**Duncan, BC** – The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) has closed a number of park facilities and installed signage at its park and trail entrances to reinforce public safety requirements.

Sport courts, tennis courts, off-leash dog parks, picnic shelters, playgrounds, washrooms and other park facilities at all CVRD parks are now closed to the public to protect the public and limit the spread of COVID-19 in the community. While parks and trails remain open at this time, the CVRD reminds the public to be aware of their surroundings and practice the following at all times:

- Safe Social Distancing - separation of at least 2 metres from others
- Avoidance of Crowded Places – anywhere safe social distancing is not possible
- Frequent Proper Hand Washing – soap and lather for 20 seconds

“As we work to reduce the exposure and transmission of the COVID-19 virus, it is clear that we are not able to regularly sanitize play equipment, park facilities and park washrooms to the standard that would keep them safe for public use,” said Brian Farquhar, Manager of Parks & Trails for the Cowichan Valley Regional District. “We ask that the public respect these closures to ensure safe social distancing and only use parks and trails if they are healthy, following the guidelines we’ve posted.”

The CVRD will continue to monitor this public health emergency and take direction from the Provincial Health Officer when making decisions about public access to its parks and trails, and service delivery in general.

More information on our regional response can be found on [COVID-19 Information](#) page of the CVRD website, and a list of announcements and resources is available through our [COVID-19 Reference Guide](#) (updated daily).

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