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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIONS ON COVID-19 PREVENTION

The City of Tucson is actively working with local, state, and federal partners monitoring the presence of COVID-19 in our region and implementing policies and actions that will supplement those being taken by other local jurisdictions to prevent the spread of the virus. As a part of this effort, Tucson Parks and Recreation will be taking the following steps to protect employees and the public.

All events hosted by the department over the next few weeks have been canceled. These events include the EGGStravaganza scheduled for April 4, as well as the Egg Hunt in the Park at Quincie Douglas, and Therapeutic Recreation Social Club and bowling events. Additionally, the City will not be issuing permits for special events to outside organizations at this time.

All senior programming will be suspended at our facilities until further notice due to the increased risk our senior community members face from COVID-19. **We are committed to ensuring that all Senior Meal Program participants will continue to receive meals during this time and will be working in partnership with Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) to make that happen.** Meal pick-ups will begin on **Monday, March 16**. Details on that plan will be released in the coming days to program participants.

After careful consideration, we will be continuing as scheduled with our leisure classes, youth programs (SchoolzOut Camps, InBetweeners Club, and KIDCO), regular center and aquatics activities (excluding senior programming), and slowpitch softball leagues. We will be encouraging the community and staff to take the actions recommended by the Pima County Health Department, which include taking extra care in hand-washing, making sure to cover coughs and sneezes, respecting personal space, refraining from touching our faces, and staying home if you are or become ill, as well as making an even more conscious effort to maintain cleanliness on our premises and in our facilities. Decisions about these programs could change as we continue to monitor the situation. We encourage individuals to make their own personal decision regarding comfort level in attending or participating at this time.

These actions are effective immediately and will last through the end of March, at which point we will re-examine our policies. We feel that all actions taken to halt the coronavirus (COVID-19) or any other virus are meant to protect our community and the amazing individuals who live and play here in order to maintain their activity and productivity.

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*If participants require an accommodation or materials in accessible format or require a foreign language interpreter or materials in a language other than English for any event, please call Tucson Parks and Recreation, 791-4873, at least five business days in advance*