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## CITY OF SAN FERNANDO RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE ON CLOSURES FOR THE 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY HOLIDAY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Dear Residents and Park Guests:

I hope you and your loved ones are well and that you are coping with the challenges of your daily life in the fight to control the coronavirus (COVID-19). Parks are an important aspect of the health and joy for the San Fernando community and play a vital role in how our residents manage the changes to the way we all live, work, and play.

The Recreation and Community Services Department continues to assess daily operations and implement precautionary measures in response to COVID-19 with the foremost being the health and safety of our residents. As directed by Los Angeles County's "Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of Covid-19" Order issued on June 29, 2020, and guidance from State and local officials, the Department will temporarily close all parks on Saturday, July 4, 2020. Group gatherings will be prohibited at all San Fernando Parks sites.

This was a difficult decision knowing that the 4<sup>th</sup> July Holiday is celebrated among family and friends and that parks are a traditional gathering place for the Holiday. However, the anticipated high volume of visitors would make it impossible for the public to implement safe physical distancing practices or prevent group gathering.

The park amenities at Recreation Park, Las Palmas Park, Pioneer Park, and Layne Park that will be closed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday include:

- All multi-use fields and ball diamonds.
- All picnic shelters and grills.
- All outdoor basketball and tennis courts.
- All playground areas and fitness equipment.
- All restrooms.
- Park buildings & indoor facilities remain closed to the public, including indoor gymnasiums, multi-purpose rooms, banquet rooms, and classrooms indefinitely.
- Rudy Ortega Sr. Park and 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park remain closed to the public indefinitely.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we adapt to this fluid situation. These extraordinary efforts will help with the City, County, and global efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Please visit the City of San Fernando website for information and guidance on COVID-19: [www.sfcity.org](http://www.sfcity.org).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact (818) 898-1290 or [Recreation@sfcity.org](mailto:Recreation@sfcity.org).

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Best Wishes,

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