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Cortese Calls for Residents to Follow Guidelines for Visiting County Parks

With spring weather, Easter and other holidays, Supervisor Dave Cortese is reminding residents to enjoy the outdoors but keep at a safe distance as we all work to stay healthy and slow the spread of coronavirus.

“We all want to enjoy our stunning County Parks and get fresh and exercise,” Supervisor Cortese said at a March 27 news conference. “But if we don’t follow the guidelines, our parks may need to be closed.”

Supervisor Cortese joined the news conference on Friday, March 27, with Board President Cindy Chavez and County Executive Jeff Smith at the County Government Center.

Please follow the guidelines from our Public Health Department and the County Parks Department:

• Stay six feet away from people you do not live with. Yield to others and maintain a safe distance.
• Choose less frequented parks and trails. Check park agency websites for recommendations.
• Do not park in a crowded parking lot or use a crowded trail.
• Do not hold social or family gatherings at parks, for example, picnics.
• Don’t visit parks or areas in parks that have been closed.
• Many restrooms and facilities are closed, so plan ahead before leaving home.
• Shorten your visit to give others the opportunity for a safe experience.
• Leave no trace: pack out what you pack in because garbage collection is limited.

Cortese also suggested that people can the outdoors by enjoying walks in their neighborhoods or walking in empty parking lots.

For coronavirus updates, visit www.sccgov.org/covid19.

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