## ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA
## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

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# CLOSURE OF OC PARKS AREAS TO SLOW SPREAD OF COVID-19

To minimize the impacts of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on park patrons, OC Parks is implementing closures expected to reinforce social distancing and reduce large public gatherings. These measures are in line with recommendations from federal, state and local health agencies.

Closures effective Wednesday, March 25, 2020 include:

- Parking lots at all County beaches, regional parks and wilderness parks
- Parking spaces at all County trailheads
- Pedestrian access points at Thousand Steps, Table Rock, West, Camel Point, and Treasure Island beaches
- Restrooms, playgrounds, exercise equipment, and shelters at all County parks and beaches

Passive walk-through pedestrian, cycling and equestrian activity is permitted.

For a list of County beaches and parks and more information, visit ocparks.com.

The following Orange County cities that also have implemented closures:

- **Huntington Beach**
  City beach parking lots (12:00 am, March 25)
  https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/

- **Laguna Beach**
  City beaches, trailheads
  http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/

- **Newport Beach**
  City beach parking lots, piers
  https://www.newportbeachca.gov/

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- **San Clemente**
  City beach parking lots, pier
  https://www.san-clemente.org/

- **Seal Beach**
  City beaches, beach parking lots, pier, parks, biking trails
  https://www.sealbeachca.gov/

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For general information about COVID-19, please call the OC Health Care Agency's (HCA) Health Referral Line at (800) 564-8448, visit http://www.ochealthinfo.com/novelcoronavirus, or follow the HCA on Facebook (@ochealthinfo) and Twitter (@ochealth).

For non-medical questions, contact the County of Orange Public Information Hotline at (714) 628-7085.

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