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ACC TO ALTER OPERATIONS TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNOR DUCEY'S NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER

Anthem, Ariz. – The Anthem Community Council (ACC) continues to closely follow events associated with the outbreak and spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and recommendations from local, state and federal government and public health officials.

In an effort to reduce the ongoing and increasing community spread of the virus, Governor Ducey issued an Executive Order today to close gyms and water parks, and limiting pool use **through at least July 27**. To remain consistent with the order, the following changes to operations are **effective at 8 p.m. today**.

Community Center

- The gym and fitness floor will close.
- The pool and Big Splash Water Park will close.
- Summer camp will remain open through Friday, July 3 at 3 p.m., and then close for the summer. This is to allow families time to find alternate options for childcare. Through the remainder of this week, campers will meet in smaller groups and will be safely distanced throughout the building. Campers and camp staff will continue to wear masks, as mandated by the existing Maricopa County ordinance.
- For programs/classes with associated fees that have been prepaid (swim teams, swim lessons, camp, etc.), refunds will be issued.
- Given the short notice given by the Governor to comply with the Executive Order, the ACC will evaluate workforce issues, public health guidelines, and other factors regarding possible future use of the pool.

Civic Building

- The Anthem Civic Building will remain open, but residents are encouraged to make appointments whenever possible and limit time in the building.
- Essential ACC and HOA staff maintain business hours either on-site or remotely.

- Per the Maricopa County mandatory mask policy, all those in the building must wear masks, and are expected to maintain distance of at least six feet.
- Programs/classes that are scheduled will continue unless otherwise posted, but will follow the above guidelines, as well as with limited occupancy based on the location of the program within the building.

Special Events

- As previously announced, the July 3 Independence Day Celebration has been canceled. The Governor's order today further supported that decision, by strictly limiting events to less than 50 people. Additionally, the entire Daisy Mountain Fire District is under Stage II Fire Restrictions, and residents are reminded that the use of fireworks is prohibited.

Parks

- There are no changes to parks or outdoor amenities specifically outlined in the Executive Order.
- Residents are reminded to limit gatherings and maintain six foot distancing when using outdoor amenities such as the skate park, courts, playgrounds, splash pads, etc.

The need to expand or modify this list and facility operations will be evaluated on an ongoing basis. Should circumstances change – whether from new government mandates or based on use (gatherings of more than 50 people, etc.) – we will examine options necessary for the safety and well being of our residents and employees.

ACC Community Executive Officer Neal Shearer said, “As a result of the continued and increasing spread of COVID-19, the ACC is taking immediate action to comply with Governor Ducey’s direction, and to safeguard both residents and our employees.”

With questions regarding COVID-19, refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Arizona Department of Health Services, Maricopa County Department of Public Health, or contact your medical provider. Please stay home whenever possible, and continue to adhere to guidelines issued by public health officials in order to slow the spread of the virus.

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