



## Pottawattamie County Conservation Board

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### Covid-19 County Conservation Actions and Procedures

Due to the recent developments and ongoing issues as it relates to the Covid-19 outbreak, the Pottawattamie County Conservation Board will be implementing specific actions to protect staff, public and limit the potential spread of the virus.

Although parks are not an immediate necessity of the people it will and has become a want of the people especially approaching the end of the winter season and the unseasonably warm weather these past several weekends. In ways Conservation and the outdoors is more of a service now with families and the public wanting time outdoors to recharge and get away from the day to day grind we are all enduring.

- There is no intention of closing park gates, we want to be able to provide that outdoor escape that people are seeking this time of year and during these stressful times.
- All public programs in the parks will be postponed or cancelled through April 18th with the opportunity to re-evaluate during this time period to determine if the cancellations can be shortened or if an extension is required.
- All in-school programs and school field trips have been cancelled at this time through April 18th and this coincides with the 4 week closure recommended by Governor Reynolds
- All shelter rentals and cabin rentals at the various county parks are being blocked out through the month of April. Currently scheduled shelter and cabin rentals through April 18th are being cancelled and renters are being offered a refund.
- All other indoor public facilities are also closed including shelters, lodges, maintenance facilities, restrooms and nature centers.
- Shower house facilities in the campgrounds are scheduled to open April 16th and this will be re-evaluated closer to that date to determine if an extension is needed.
- RV, tent sites and backcountry sites are remaining open at this time with limited access to water and dump stations.
- The doors to the Courthouse Annex will be closed to the public but administrative staff will continue to work on site.
- Should the situation arise that conservation staff need to work offsite they have the capability and necessary tools to accomplish this task. At this time with the reduced public exposure through closed facilities this won't be required but will be re-evaluated on a daily basis.

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