

COVID-19 Update: Facility Closures and Program Suspensions for City of St. Petersburg's Leisure Services as of March 17, 2020

The health and safety of our community is our first priority. The City of St. Petersburg's emergency management team and leadership met to discuss City operations regarding COVID-19. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended social distancing and public gatherings of 50 people or more be cancelled. Following the CDC's guidance, the City of St. Petersburg will be closing all recreation and community centers, pools and libraries.

In addition to facility closures, the St. Petersburg Parks & Recreation Department and St. Petersburg Libraries Department will also suspend the following programs, events and services effective Tuesday, March 17:

- All classes and programs taking place at a City center, pool or library.
- All library public meeting room reservations will be cancelled.
- All Healthy St. Pete's free fitness classes, Health360 classes and Fresh Rec Stop Cooking Demos
- Nature camps and programs at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve
- Youth, teen and adult sports leagues
- Teen technology classes at TASC0's Center for Teen Technology
- Rental permits for centers, parks, pools and athletic fields and complexes
- Stories of Women Leaders in St. Petersburg March 18 and March 20
- Night Spiker at Elva Rouse Park on March 20
- James Weldon Johnson Literacy Festival on March 21
- Teen BBQ Cook-off and Yard Sale at Crescent Lake Park on April 4
- Senior Hall of Fame at the Museum of Fine Arts on April 23
- Healthy St. Pete's Healthier Together Workshop on April 24
- Green Thumb Festival in Walter Fuller Park on April 25-26

The Libraries will not be charging fines while closed. Book drops will be locked. Library materials should be kept until libraries reopen; no additional fees will be charged.

Concessions at St. Petersburg Municipal Beach at Treasure Island and at Mangrove Bay will be takeout only. The gift shop and nature center at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve will be closed; however, the nature preserve will remain open.

Facilities and amenities that will remain open to the public include golf courses, St. Petersburg Municipal Beach at Treasure Island, Boyd Hill Nature Preserve's trails, parkland and outdoor amenities, such as exercise zones and playgrounds. The St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department's administrative office, 1400 19th St. N., will also remain open.

City facilities used as polling places will be open for voting only on Tuesday, March 17.

Questions about these events, programs and facility closures should be directed to the appropriate department:

- St. Petersburg Golf Courses, 727-893-7054
- St. Petersburg Library System, 727-893-7724
- St. Petersburg Parks & Recreation Department, 727-893-7441

Additionally, the following cosponsored or permitted events will be suspended. For questions regarding these event suspensions, please contact the event organizer.

- Mobile Food Pantry at Childs Park on March 18
- Heroes Memorial Run at Demens Landing on March 20

- Southeastern Guide Dogs Walk on March 21
- St. Pete Annual Community Day at Lake Vista Park on March 28
- Get Downtown/First Friday in Downtown St. Petersburg on April 2
- Tampa Bay Bluesfest on April 3
- Easter Celebration in Denver Park on April 4
- PCC Community Egg Hunt in Lake Vista Park on April 4
- Southwest Florida Tour de Cure on April 5
- Community Festival in Campbell Park on April 11
- Easter During Sunrise in Elva Rouse Park on April 12
- Sunrise Service in Vinoy Park on April 12
- Easter Sunrise Service at Williams Park on April 12
- American Stage in the Park at Williams Park on April 15 – May 17
- WUSF Longest Table on April 16
- Food Truck Rally in Albert Whitted Park on April 17
- St. Petersburg Aquatics Meet at North Shore Aquatic Complex on April 17-19
- Mainsail Art Festival in Vinoy Park on April 18-19
- SPCA Tampa Bay Pet Walk on April 18
- SPC/USFSP Good Vibes Only Art & Music Festival in Williams Park on April 25
- Painting in the Park in North Straub Park on April 25
- Meek & Mighty/St. Anthony's Triathlon at North Shore Aquatic Complex on April 25-26
- Girls on the Run on May 2
- Movies in the Park on May 7
- Walk for Life on May 9
- Swim Across America on May 9

The City of St. Petersburg remains in close contact with local officials and the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) and is dedicated to doing its part in planning, preparing and responding to emerging public health information.

Questions about COVID-19, current updates and safety tips can be found on the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov or the FDOH's website at www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19.

For the latest updates from the City of St. Petersburg, please visit www.stpete.org/emergency.