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### City of Burlington Closes Playgrounds and Basketball Courts

BURLINGTON, NC— As of Saturday, Monday March 23, all City of Burlington playgrounds and basketball courts are CLOSED. This measure is taken for the safety of all visitors and to stop the spread of COVID-19. Parks and trails remain open but visitors should maintain 6 feet of social distance and visit parks for solitary recreational activities only. Please avoid crowds and refrain from group activity.

Visitors should remember they are in a public park. While the City is making increased efforts toward sanitation, each surface is only as clean as the last person who touched it. Therefore, you should take steps to protect your health by following the CDC/NCDHHS's for preventing the spread of colds, flu, and COVID-19.

The City urges all residents to stay home as much as possible. If you do plan on visiting a park, it should be for a solitary nature break, limit outdoor recreation to non-contact, and avoid activities where you come in close contact with other people. If you arrive at a park and crowds are forming, choose a different park, a different trail or return another day/time to visit.

- Try to keep at least six (6) feet of distance between you and others.
- Avoid close contact, such as shaking hands, hugging, and kissing.
- Wash hands often or use a hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.

If you are sick and/or experiencing symptoms consistent with the COVID-19 virus, please postpone your visit and say home.

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“The City of Burlington is dedicated to providing high quality municipal services within our diverse community in a friendly, professional and efficient manner in order to promote the safety, health, and quality of life of residents and employees.”

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