



# Press Release

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**COVID-19 UPDATE:  
PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER ISSUES NEW ORDER APRIL 7  
COUNTY ISSUES CLARIFICATIONS ON FACE COVERINGS  
CITY OF CHINO HILLS CLOSES PARKING LOTS AT ALL PARKS**

Chino Hills, CA – The San Bernardino County Health Officer issued an Order for the Control of COVID-19 on April 7 that included closure of parking lots at parks, and requires face coverings. The County issued clarifications regarding face coverings on April 8.

The Order requires that parks be accessible only by members of the public within walking distance of the parks. As a result, the City of Chino Hills barricaded entrances or closed gates to parking lots at all parks, the Chino Hills Community Center, and the McCoy Equestrian & Recreation. The Order also requires social distancing, prohibits the public from congregating or participating in group sports, and limits the use of the parks to walking, hiking, equestrian uses or bicycle riding. The City of Chino Hills had previously closed trails; playgrounds; and tennis, basketball, and volleyball courts; Chino Hills Skate Park; Chino Hills Community Park; and the parking lot at Grand Avenue Park.

“Each one of us in the community has a chance to do our part to stop the spread of the virus,” said Mayor Art Bennett. “Chino Hills always steps up to help one another and I’m proud of the efforts everyone is making to stay home and wear face coverings. I know how hard it is to break traditions, but I encourage the community to celebrate the religious holidays of the season at home, with members of their household only. Do not gather in parks.”

According to City spokesperson Denise Cattern, the County has provided subsequent communications with additional guidance regarding the Order that face coverings are required when leaving the house.

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“You protect yourself and you protect others by wearing a face covering and it is now required by the County Health Officer,” said Mrs. Cattern. “The County clarified, that for practical purposes, if you will be in the vicinity of people who are not part of your household, you should have a mask on. If you are on your own property or in the car by yourself or with members of your household, you don’t need to wear a face covering, but you should be prepared to put a mask on if someone approaches, you go through the drive through, or roll down your window to interact with someone.”

She added that the County clarified that persons out for exercise must maintain social distancing, even with a mask. “If you are on a walk or run and there isn’t a human in sight, you can pull down your mask, but please put it back on the moment you see someone in the area.”

According to Mrs. Cattern, the City is getting reports of a lot of peer pressure about COVID-19 regulations and compliance in the community. She encourages people to be kind and respectful of one another as everyone learns about the new requirements.

“We thank our community for using good judgement and common sense to help prevent the spread of COVID-19,” said City Manager Benjamin Montgomery. “Park monitors and our Chino Hills Police Department bike patrol will be out in the parks to help inform the public about these new regulations.”

Visit the City website for official information from the City of Chino Hills, [www.chinohills.org/Coronavirus](http://www.chinohills.org/Coronavirus). In addition, the public may send questions to [ChinoHillsCovid19@chinohills.org](mailto:ChinoHillsCovid19@chinohills.org) or call (909) 364-2610.

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