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## **Kent County Parks and Recreation to Close Park Playgrounds**

**Dover, Del.** – Beginning on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m., all Kent County Park playgrounds and pavilions will close to the public until further notice. Kent County Parks and Recreation is following the same protocol as the Delaware State Parks in an effort to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Kent County public park playgrounds affected by this protocol include: Brecknock County Park (Picadilly Playground) in Camden, Tidbury Creek County Park in Dover, Big Oak County Park near Smyrna, and Browns Branch County Park between Milford and Harrington.

Kent County requests the following from potential park users during this time:

1. Refrain from using parks or trails if they are exhibiting flu-like symptoms.
2. Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to and during use of parks or trails.
3. Prepare for restricted access to public restrooms or water fountains.
4. While on trails, warn other users of their presence and as they pass, and step aside to let others pass.
5. Follow CDC guidance on the recommended size of social gatherings including outdoor picnicking, pick-up sports and other group hangouts, and maintain proper physical distance at all times.
6. Observe CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of 6 feet from other individuals at all times. If this is not possible, users should find an alternate location or depart that space.

Kent County Parks are still open for walking and jogging, but groups and gatherings are still prohibited until further notice. All public restrooms at Kent County Parks are closed until further notice. As a reminder, the Kent County Recreation Center in Dover is closed and all Kent County Parks and Recreation programs have been suspended until further notice.

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