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COVID-19 and Essex and Essex Junction Public Parks

ESSEX JCT., Vt.— Effective April 1, 2020, all Essex Junction Recreation and Parks and Essex Parks and Recreation park amenities will be closed until further notice. Using the park amenities while closed is considered trespassing and will be referred to the Essex Police Department. Park amenities include, but are not limited to, playground structures, skate parks, tennis/pickleball courts, pavilions, basketball courts, baseball fields and the designated dog park. This closure of park amenities comes recommended by the National Recreation & Parks Association and aligns with the safety of all park users, while keeping social distancing a priority in our parks, on our trails, and in open spaces.

Parks, trails, and open spaces currently remain open as an important resource for health and wellness, as long as they are used in a safe manner. We encourage users to only be in groups with members of their household and to keep a six-foot physical distance from other individuals at all times. If you are exhibiting symptoms, please refrain from visiting. While on trails, warn other users if you need to pass, and only pass when you can maintain a six-foot physical distance away.

Signs to help enforce these closures will be posted as soon as possible.