



## **New Order from Riverside County Health Officer**

On April 20, 2020, the Riverside County Public Health Officer issued an amended order with regard to COVID-19. Effective April 20, non-contact outdoor sports such as golf and tennis, and trails used for walking, jogging, and biking are permitted in Riverside County cities. In accordance, both Simpson and Gibbel Parks in the City of Hemet will be reopened for the above mentioned, non-contact activities. Signs blocking walking paths at Mary Henley Park have also been removed.

This order has no impact on the required face covering and social distancing standards for everyone who resides in Riverside County, Hemet included.

We are cautiously abiding by the County's amended order, but the community should be aware of the continued threat that COVID-19 poses to our community. Any spikes or increases in infections will subsequently lead the County Health Director to rescind this order and adjust these park and trail openings as needed, to mitigate those impacts.

The Hemet community is implored to continue precautions by maintaining 6-foot distance between yourself and others, cover your face, and staying home unless participating in essential activities.

Please notice that parking lots at Hemet parks and activity courts will NOT be reopened. It is stressed that playgrounds, tables, equipment, and other fixed and shared objects at parks are still prohibited from use. Those that need resources may dial 2-1-1 for information.

It is apparent that getting outside and enjoying exercise and sunlight are essential for our wellbeing. Let's continue to responsibly participate in these activities while working to protect our entire community.