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Polliwog Park to be Partially Reopened on a Trial Basis
Face Coverings Required at Park

Manhattan Beach, CA (April 22, 2020) - The City Council has directed a limited reopening of Polliwog Park. The reopening will be on a trial basis. All those entering the park must wear face coverings while visiting the park. The park reopening will be effective Saturday, April 25, at 6:30 AM, and will be monitored and evaluated for compliance. The park may be closed again in the event the rules are not observed by the public.

As the health of the community remains a top priority, amenities such as restrooms, playgrounds and fitness equipment, sports fields, the dog run, picnic pads, Manhattan Beach Historical House, Begg Pool, and the Botanical Garden will not be accessible and will remain closed. Additionally, Begg Pool parking lot will remain closed. [As required by the City Council and City Emergency Order No. 4](#), all persons must wear face coverings while visiting the park. Further, all park visitors must continue to abide by the City's and Los Angeles County Public Health Orders to remain six feet apart from others not in their household. Park staff will be patrolling Polliwog Park to remind park visitors that face coverings and social distancing are mandated and violators are subject to a fine.

"Please respect and follow these limitations. Stay within the guidelines for your safety as well as for the safety of your neighbors. The community's cooperation with the requirements will assist our efforts toward evaluating if Polliwog shall remain open and whether other parks in the City should be reopened," said Mayor Richard Montgomery.

While Polliwog Park is open for limited recreation, residents are encouraged to continue to recreate at home and within their neighborhood. For ideas, tips and instructional videos on how to do so, visit the City's virtual recreation program, "[Healthy at Home](#)."

The City requires residents to practice social distancing, wear face coverings while at Polliwog Park, and strongly encourages wearing face coverings while in public, especially while exercising. For more guidance on how to properly wear and care for your face

covering, please see the [Center for Disease Control's website](#) or the [LA County Department of Public Health's guidance](#).

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, the City of Manhattan Beach will continue to provide updates. Information regarding the coronavirus is changing frequently. For accurate and up to date information about COVID-19, please visit the [County Department of Public Health website](#), [sign up for eNotifications](#) and [Nixle](#) public safety alerts, and follow the City on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Nextdoor](#), and [Instagram](#).