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Hutch Rec announces temporary closure of facilities and program cancellations

The following Hutch Rec programs, activities, group travel, and special events will be cancelled effective March 17. Refunds will be issued for programs and events that cannot be rescheduled.

Specific programs and facility closures include:

Hutch Rec Downtown, 17 E. 1st – effective March 17, 2020

- Facility closed to the public until further notice
- Online registration open at hutchrec.com
- Staff available from 9a-5p , Monday through Friday, taking phone calls and answering e-mails
- Notable programs and activities canceled:
 - MINDBODY fitness classes
 - Youth spring sports season – refunds will be issued to all participants (volleyball, soccer, SNAG golf)
 - March & April Third Thursday community events
 - Adult spring volleyball league will not play the final two weeks of the season
 - Adaptive recreation programs, including the Adaptive Track Meet scheduled for April 17
 - For more information, call (620) 663-6179

Dillon Nature Center, 3002 E. 30th Ave – effective March 17, 2020

- Visitor’s Center closed to the public until further notice
- Online registration open at hutchrec.com
- Staff available from 9a-5p, Monday through Friday, taking phone calls and answering e-mails
- Trails & grounds are OPEN to the public from dawn to dusk
- Notable programs and activities canceled:
 - Hutch Rec Job Fair scheduled for March 29
 - For more information, call (620) 663-7411

Hutchinson Sports Arena, 13th & Sesher Plaza – effective March 17, 2020

- Notable programs and activities closed to the public until further notice, including:
 - Community walking hours
 - Fitness classes

- Open gym (practices, basketball shoot-around, pickle ball)

Senior Center at Elmdale Park, 400 E. Ave. E – effective March 17, 2020

- Closed to the public until further notice
- All ongoing activities, events, programming, and group travel have been canceled.

Ongoing details and updates will be shared with media outlets and on our social media outlets. Follow Hutch Rec on Facebook and Instagram, as well as our facilities of Dillon Nature Center, Hutchinson Sports Arena, and the Senior Center at Elmdale Park group page.

This decision comes based on the most recent recommendations from the Reno County Health Department (RCHD), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in order to minimize the threat of COVID-19 for communities.

The mission of Hutch Rec is to provide our community with lifelong wellness, cultural, natural, and recreational opportunities that promote healthy minds and bodies through innovative programs, state-of-the-art facilities, and protected open spaces. It is our goal to be of community mindset during this time of COVID-19.