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Mayor Victorino announces reopening of golf courses, select public parks as part of first phase of easing COVID-19 restrictions

Mayor Michael Victorino announced that all golf courses, select County parks and select County beach parks will **reopen on May 1** as part of the first phase of an easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

“Activity in parks will be limited to exercise only – walking, jogging, biking and ocean activities,” Mayor Victorino said. “Golf courses and parks were selected to open first because they’re considered low risk and allow exercise with social distancing and other safeguard measures. Changes will be made to limit personal interaction and prevent the transmission of illness.”

For all golf courses, only one person will be allowed in a golf cart unless the second person is a spouse or family member living in the same residence. There will be no flags at the holes, no rakes in sand traps, and there will be no refreshments sold or provided on golf courses.

Golfers also cannot share equipment and sanitization of each golf cart after each round is required.

The County’s Waiehu golf course will conduct business without cash to eliminate hand-to-hand contact.

All Golf Courses are encouraged to follow United States Golf Association and Professional Golfers Association guidance for operation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

County parks to reopen on May 1 include:

- “Duke” Malibu Regional Park on Molokai
- Hana Ball Park
- Keanae Park
- Kahului Community Park

- Keopuolani Community Park
- Kilohana Park
- South Maui Community Park
- Liloa Drive Bike Trail in Kihei
- Lahaina Recreation Center
- Napili Park
- Lanai Entry Park
- New Kula Ballfield (aka Kula Recreation Center)
- Pukalani Park

County beach parks to open include:

- Hana Beach Park (Hana Bay)
- Hoaloha Park in Kahului
- Ho`okipa Beach Park
- Lower Paia Park
- Kamaole I, II and III
- One Ali`i Park
- Wahikuli Wayside Park
- Waiehu Beach Park

Parks and beach parks will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The list of open parks and beach parks will also be posted on the Department of Parks and Recreation website.

Park facilities **NOT** available for public use include:

- No playground equipment;
- No use of basketball or tennis courts;
- No organized sports;
- No congregating;
- No use of grills, picnic tables or benches;
- No use of pavilions, skate parks or gymnasiums

Face coverings or masks will also be required whenever leaving home starting May 1. Exceptions include:

- Children under 5
- While exercising
- Certain health conditions
- Certain financial institutions

“We must remain vigilant with social distancing, wearing face coverings, and practicing good hygiene,” Mayor Victorino said. “If we see increasing numbers of cases, we may need to re-impose restrictions. We will be watching for warning signs very carefully.”

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