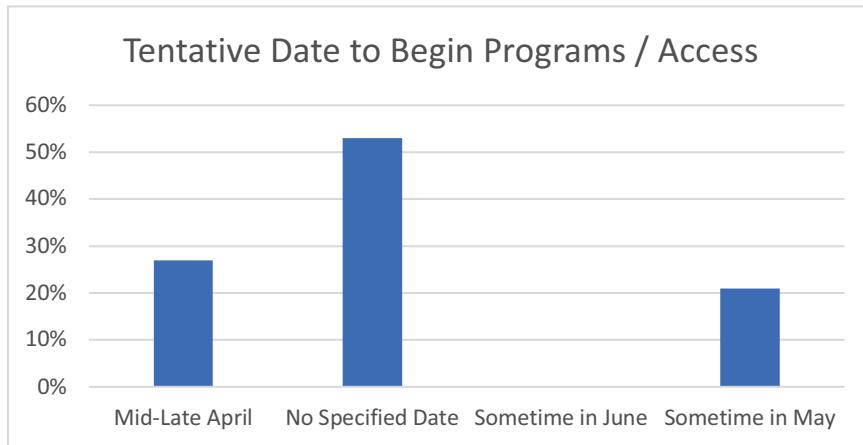




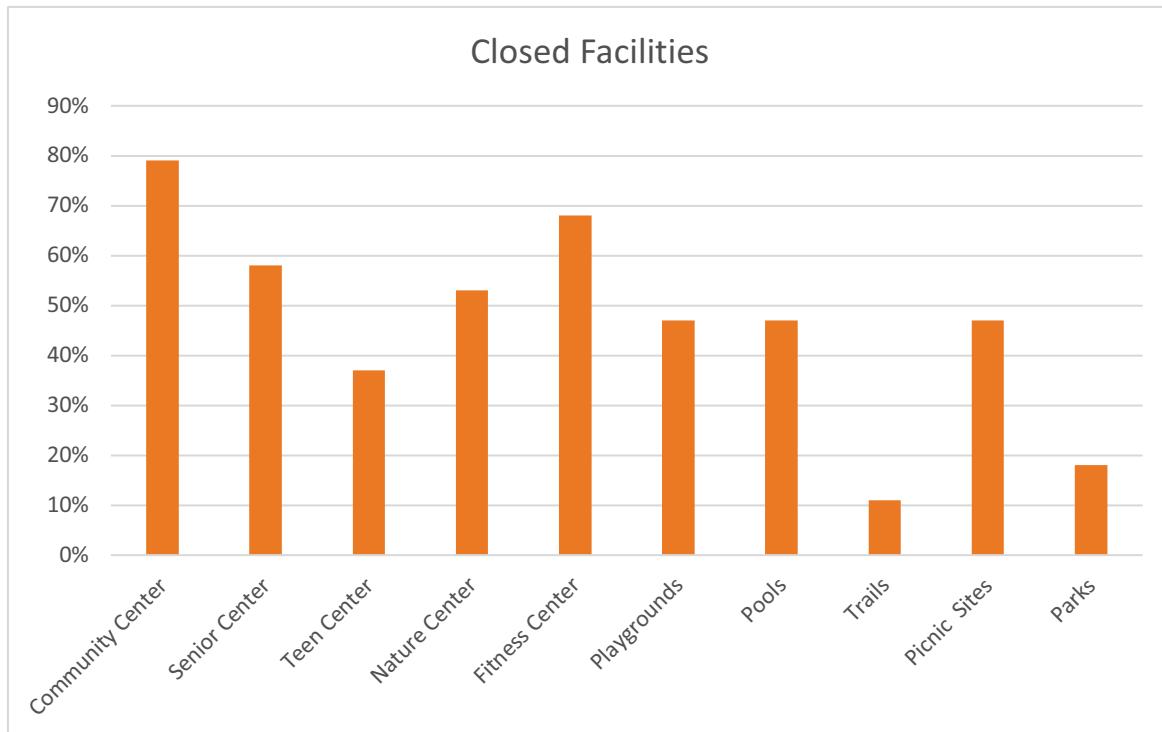
COVID-19 Survey Responses (March 2020)

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What is the tentative date your agency will begin programming / allowing access to facilities?



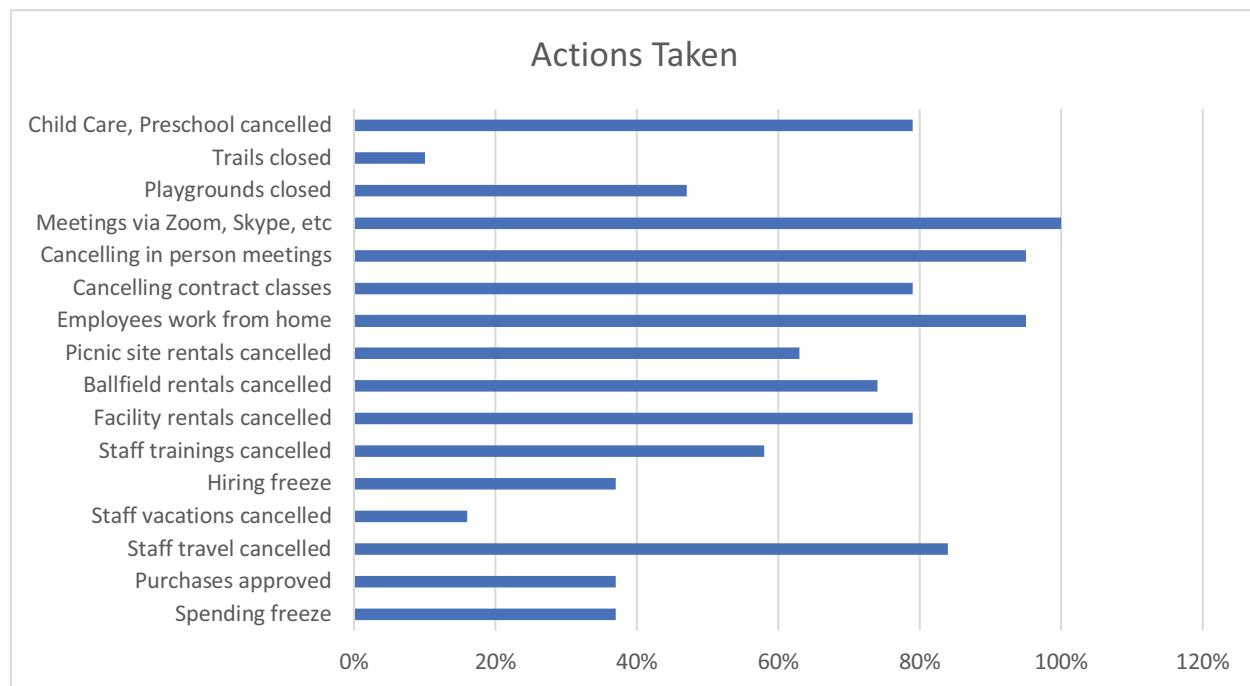
What facilities have you closed?



Other:

Golf course; fountains; restrooms & portables; headquarters; botanical garden; dog parks; tennis, basketball, volleyball courts; skate parks; ice arena; farm park; farmers market; library

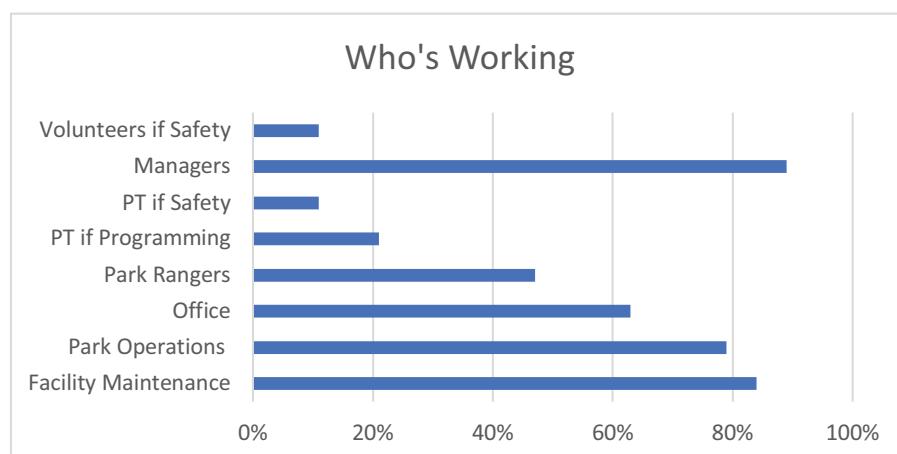
What actions has your agency undertaken?



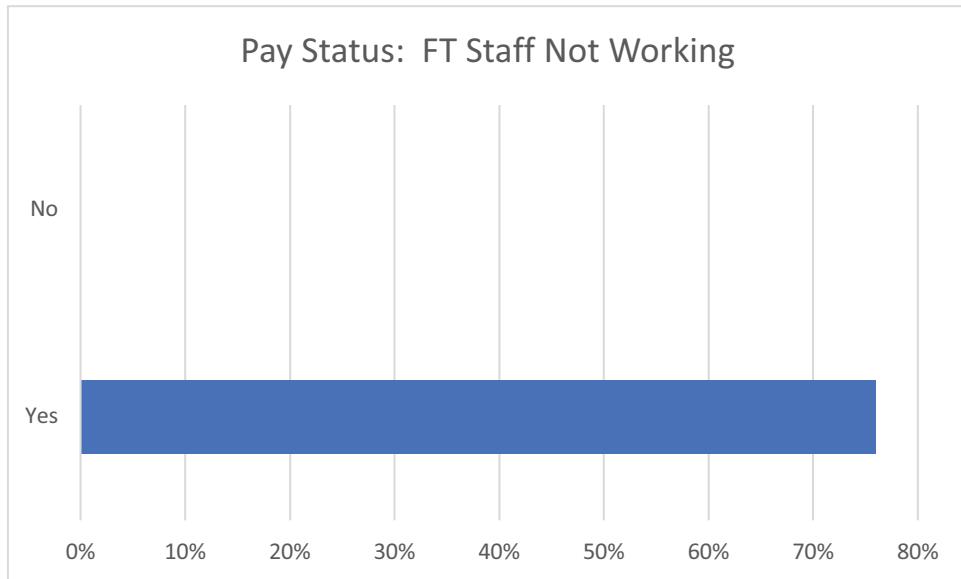
Other:

- Posted signage re: social distancing includes keeping dogs on leash at all times as some experts assert contamination by petting may serve as a possible vector if an asymptomatic person pets someone's dog (2) Minimizing human contact of surfaces, such as gates, by removing them or propping them open where appropriate;
- created an online Activity Center for our participants and families to access with activities and behavior charts & picture schedules.
- While purchases are not needing approval, we have three tier spending priority (Level 1 & 2 move forward, Level 3 are scrutinized and denied if possible)
- staff personal travel, notification must be submitted in advance and city reserves the right to require self-quarantine upon return.

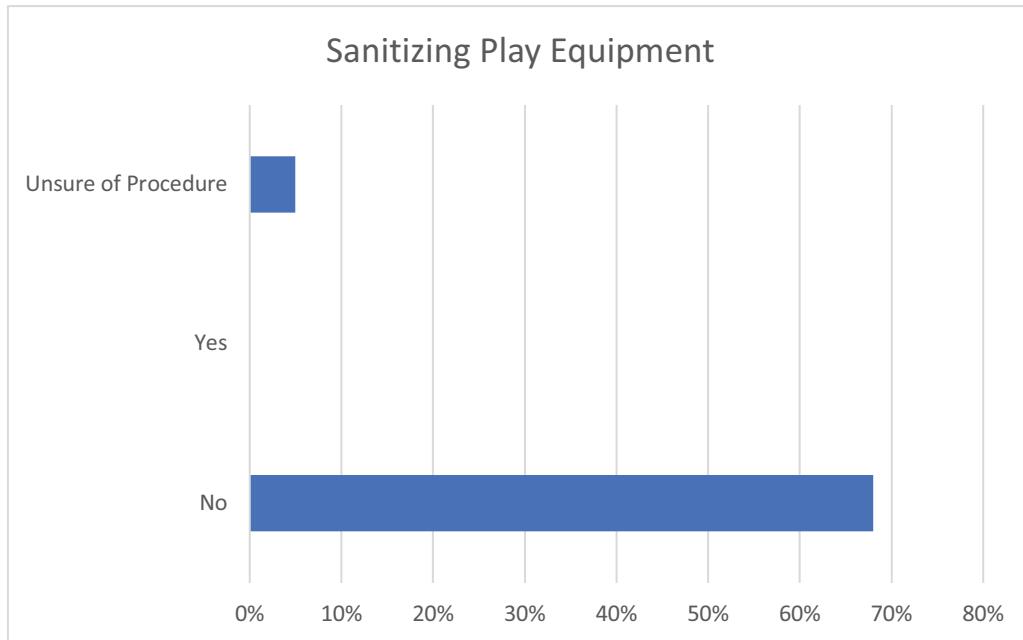
Personnel – who is working?



If FT personnel are NOT working, are they receiving pay?



Are you sanitizing outside play equipment?



- NO - because ALL playgrounds and exercise equipment are CLOSED. There is the great probability that shortly after equipment has been sanitized, a person that is ill/asymptomatic contaminates said equipment (between sanitation schedules). Why risk anyone becoming ill when you can minimize or avoid doing so?
- We don't have the resources [to clean]
- Not enough supplies to provide this service at this time, encouraging people that are still using playgrounds to do so with caution and bring their own sanitizer if necessary
- Where possible, otherwise we are placing signs to follow CDC guidelines

What other action(s) has your agency undertaken to address this situation?

- We do NOT want to respond to COVID-19 in a silo thus, we are trying to standardize practices and procedures at parks/facilities/programs/open spaces in CA's Central Coast by communicating and sharing information and measures implemented by and with the region's federal, state, county, municipal and special parks and recreation departments/districts.
- Website committed to COVID 19 information / resources
- Online education/field trips for schools/educators for remote classrooms, opening bids through video conferencing, public meetings through ZOOM, supplementing leave policies, established Pandemic Preparedness and Response Team, Daily Briefs for COVID-19
- Created "virtual community center" website for taking programs at home, virtual tours, important information, etc. (Chris Beth, Redwood City, CA)
- Had to close 75% of park restrooms due to increased vandalism and theft of paper products and soap. Also due to lack of available inventory to keep all facilities properly stocked
- Deferring annual [salary] increase, refunding for programs and memberships
- Set up childcare for first responders and medical personnel, communications team joined the county to assist in response (Janet Bartnik, Mountain Recreation District, CO)
- Providing child care for emergency staff and hospital staff (Laura Wetherald, Howard County, MD)

What's your biggest concern with this situation?

- We are concerned that someone/anyone will knowingly under-respond. We cannot afford to get this wrong. Whatever actions we take - individually and/or corporately - are a choice. Choose well and err on the side of caution, thereby maximizing our staff's and public's protection - and do not be afraid of those folks who will complain because it may be their and their loved-one's lives you may save. We MUST place science ahead of politics!
- My Department will not look the same 3 months from now. With massive debt, lack of revenue from our department and sales tax, I predict I'll be laying off over 100 staff members from a department of 300 employees. It is bad!
- Funding for all the unfunded directives, local govt. left out of the social security credits & long-term ramifications.
- At this point we are managing. Sites are open. Property tax receipts delayed, economy - recession, pressures from private sector /residents on employment actions of public sector, and grant funds awarded (state/federal) being delayed or swept/
- We'll get through this. But I expect we'll see a recession (hopefully not long), but we will be forced to make reductions this Fall. Consider this a real possibility.
- Keeping my staff employed is my number one concern. We have to be ready at a moment's notice to get our services up and running for our participants with disabilities and their families for 17 communities.
- First and foremost, the health and well-being of our employees. Further out I am concerned about the financial/economic crisis this will cause throughout our communities. Will the model follow those of recessions of the past and "quality of life" services (not just parks and recreation but libraries, arts, museums, etc.) are the first to sacrifice due to the amount of seasonal/part time personnel (overhead) required to provide such services.
- Unknown on when it will end. Started with closing/cancelations in 2 week increment, now moved to monthly (thru April), but unknown how many more months it will continue. Other large concern - budget impacts over the next 2 fiscal years at a min.
- Length of pandemic. Keeping community safe while providing mental and physical stress relief though our parks. Our outdoor spaces are/will be critical services for our communities.
- Economic impact to community/state/state/nation public not heeding warning to separate (mentioned SEVERAL times)