

**City Of Mount Vernon**  
**Office of the Mayor**  
**Executive Order Number 2020-003**

**Closing Certain Playgrounds, Fields and Library**  
**(Emergency Management/March 2020 COVID 19)**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Mayor proclaimed a civil emergency acting under authority vested as Mayor by RCW Chapter 38.52 and MVMC Chapter 2.40 et. seq.; and;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the City Council during a regularly scheduled meeting ratified and approved the Mayor's emergency proclamation; and

WHEREAS, modeling from state, federal and local officials find that the COVID -19 virus will spread, has spread and continues to spread at a high rate among the local community threatening both persons and property within the City of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, to curtail the spread of COVID-19 in Mount Vernon, it is necessary to implement additional measures to limit opportunities for disease transmission; and

WHEREAS, to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and protect our most vulnerable populations the State Department of Health has recommended that public playgrounds (i.e. play equipment) be closed to the public and ball fields be closed to organizational groups; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to immediately prohibit the public from congregating certain public facilities in order to limit opportunities for disease exposure and transmission; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has emergency authority set forth in Mount Vernon Municipal Code to issues orders as are imminently necessary for the protection of life and property including but not limited to closing to the public any or all public places including streets, alleys, public ways, schools, parks, amusement areas and other public buildings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jill Boudreau, as Mayor of Mount Vernon, by virtue of the authority vested in me by RCW Chapter 38.52 and Mount Vernon Municipal Code Chapter 2.40 et. seq., and all other applicable laws, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. I hereby make and proclaim the following executive order:

That the following physical places and buildings are hereby closed to the public:

- All public playgrounds; and

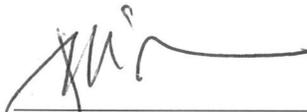
- All City playfields (e.g. baseball fields, soccer fields) and/or City open public spaces shall be closed to organized sporting events (e.g. soccer tournaments, organized baseball games) and
- Mount Vernon Public Library located at 315 Snoqualmie Street, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

Section 2. That the City strongly urges individuals who continue to remain and congregate in any open public spaces to practice social distancing as recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control

Section 3. This order shall remain in effect until midnight on March 31, 2020, unless extended beyond that date.

Section 4. This Executive Order shall be deemed to have taken effect immediately on March 23, 2020, and all actions taken by City Officials with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are hereby ratified.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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City Mayor

Approved as to Form:

  
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City Attorney

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