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CITY OF SAGINAW CLOSES ACCESS TO CITY PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

April 3, 2020 SAGINAW, MI – Out of an abundance of caution amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Saginaw has closed vehicle access to all City of Saginaw maintained parks and playground equipment effective immediately until further notice. This includes Ojibway Island and the Skate Park at the Frank N. Andersen Celebration Park.

The closures come in response to public health directives urging organizations to curb the potential spread of COVID-19 by closing or limiting public access to areas that attract congregations of people.

Residents may continue to use City parks and trails for outdoor exercise as outlined in Executive Order 2020-21 (“Stay Home, Stay Safe”) issued by Governor Gretchen Whitmer on Monday, March 23. The order issued by Governor Whitmer now includes civil penalties and a fine up to \$1,000 if convicted of disobeying the state's stay-at-home order. The Saginaw Police Department will be patrolling the parks and enforcing the order. Citizens are reminded to practice social distancing and hygiene guidelines as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, which include maintaining at least six (6) feet of distance between individuals, washing hands frequently, and avoiding touching your face.

At this time, all non-essential City services and buildings remain closed through April 13, 2020. The City will continue to monitor public health information regarding COVID-19 and will

reassess and alter its response as needed. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the City of Saginaw website at www.saginaw-mi.com or follow the City of Saginaw on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofsaginawgovernment/

For the latest updates and information regarding the statewide response to COVID-19, please visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

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