

Update: Per the Governor's order, this is extended.

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County-owned beaches and Fort Myers Beach Pier to close at 6 p.m. Thursday to limit spread of COVID-19

Fort Myers, FL, March 18, 2020 – County-owned beaches and the county-owned Fort Myers Beach Pier will close until further notice effective at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 19, in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. This includes beach parking lots, restrooms and county-owned beach access points.

The county sites include:

Beach Parks

Bonita Beach Park
Bowditch Point Park
Bowman's Beach Park
Causeway Islands
Crescent Beach Family Park
Little Hickory Island Beach Park
Lynn Hall Memorial Beach Park
Matanzas Pass Preserve
San Carlos/Bunche Beach Preserve
Turner Beach Park

Beach Accesses

Alison Hagerup Beach Park
Andy Rosse Lane paddlecraft launch
Boca Grande Beach Accesses
Bonita Beach Accesses
Dog Beach Park
Estero Islands Beach Access
Matanzas Bridge Fishing Pier

County Manager Roger Desjarlais announced the closure using Centers For Disease Control guidance and at a time when many college-age students are on spring break or are in the area while taking online classes.

“While young people may not be as vulnerable to the symptoms of COVID-19 as older adults, they can be asymptomatic and spread the virus to others, including older adults and their own family members,” he said.

The county will coordinate enforcement with the appropriate enforcement agencies.

The county is also suspending LeeTran beach trolley and tram service effective 6 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, visit www.leegov.com/covid-19 or for the locations of county-owned beaches, visit <https://www.leegov.com/parks/beaches>.