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CITY OF GLENDALE TAKES PROACTIVE STEPS TO KEEP RESIDENTS SAFE

Libraries and Recreation Facilities to Close Beginning March 17

Glendale, Ariz. – The health and safety of residents and employees is the top priority of the city of Glendale. The COVID-19 outbreak is a rapidly evolving situation with new information becoming available every day. Out of an abundance of caution and to support other preventative measures underway, the city today made the decision to close all city libraries, indoor parks and recreation centers. The closure will take effect Tuesday, March 17. This includes the Glendale Main Library, Heroes Regional Park Library, Velma Teague Library and Foothills Library. All library programs and classes are canceled.

During this time, residents can check out digital resources, books, movies and more at the Glendale library system's "5th branch" at <u>glendaleazlibrary.com</u>.

Parks & Recreation facilities including the Adult Center, Foothills Recreation & Aquatic Center, O'Neil Recreation Center, Rose Lane Recreation Center, and Heroes Regional Park Recreation Building will all be closed.

Additionally, the city wants to remind residents to practice recommended health hygiene and social distancing measures, such as working from home when it's an option, staying home as much as possible, and avoiding public gatherings or places where the public is within close contact to one another. These actions will help reduce the number of people who become sick.

The Glendale Division of Emergency Management continues to monitor the Coronavirus (COVID-19) health emergency which includes partnering with lead health agencies. Glendale will continue to update residents as new information becomes available. For more information visit <u>www.glendaleaz.com/coronavirus</u>