



March 25, 2020

Dear Villages of Kiln Creek Owners and Residents,

On Monday, The Governor of Virginia issued Executive Order 53 (Order), implementing several long-term mandates to mitigate the impacts of the COVID 19 (coronavirus) on the Commonwealth. In response, to comply with the Governor's Order and the guidance of various health agencies, the Villages of Kiln Creek Owners Association will close all playgrounds, tot-lots, basketball/volleyball, tennis/pickleball courts and pool facilities. Other indoor amenities that have been mandated to close include our fitness center, rec center, banquet facilities and hotel. Our Golf Course Operations will remain open to the maximum extent possible, and our Restaurant will remain open for takeout and deliveries, so long as we are legally permitted to do so.

Although the Governor's order did not specifically list outdoor facilities in the closure list, the Order prohibits "all public and in person gatherings of 10 or more individuals" and the Association is legally compelled to comply with the Order. Our Golf Course and Restaurant Operations currently have enough staff to ensure compliance with the mandated 9-person limit and are currently implementing sanitization procedures in these areas.

Unfortunately, regarding our playgrounds, tot lots, basketball/volleyball, tennis/pickleball and pool facilities, we simply do not have the resources to post personnel at each amenity to and to sanitize each piece of equipment, gate, etc. after each use. If the Association allows these facilities to remain open, we in-effect encourage residents to gather in violation of the Order which has the full force and effect of the law.

We ask each resident for your support and cooperation to comply with these closures.

We will post signs at each of the amenity areas advising residents of the closures. If you choose to use one of the amenity areas that have been posted as "closed", you will be risking violating the law.

The Association's board and professional staff are reviewing the impact of these closures on the finances of the Association and will continue to do so. At this point, it is premature to determine what financial savings, if any, the Association may experience as a result of the closure.

Our focus, as a community, should be on helping those most in need...local hospitals, food kitchens, senior living facilities, and small businesses.

Finally, the board made this difficult decision to comply with the Order and to comply with the guidance of various health agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, and the Virginia Department of Health. If you feel obligated to contact someone regarding this issue, please direct it to the General Manager, Chris Coleman at colemanch@cox.net or to the Director of HOA Operations, Laura Carnrike at laura@kilncreek.org. Our staff and management professionals are doing their best to manage the community under the most difficult of times. Thank you for your understanding during these unprecedented times.

Please be safe.

Jim Ogden,
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