



MARTIN COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

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Martin County-owned boat ramps open on weekdays, some park facilities closed

At the Martin County Board of County Commissioners meeting this morning, the board authorized closures related to county parks including the closure of playgrounds; tennis, pickleball and basketball courts; restroom facilities; and athletic fields for organized and pickup play.

In addition, commissioners agreed that Martin County-owned boat ramps will be open for recreational boating activities on weekdays and be closed on weekends only. Ramps will close at 8 p.m. on Friday night and reopen at 8 a.m. on Monday morning.

During the closure, those with state licenses for commercial marine activity will be permitted to operate 24 hours a day at the boat ramps in Sandsprit Park and the Jensen Beach Boat Ramp just north of Indian RiverSide Park. Users will be required to produce a copy of their commercial license, and/or a Martin County business tax receipt, to utilize the ramps during the weekend closure.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has closed all state-owned uplands, such as beaches, islands, sandbars and emergent shoals within aquatic preserves. This closure includes the sandbars located in the Intracoastal Waterway. In addition, an order by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has directed that recreational vessels shall have no more than 10 people on board and maintain a 50-foot distance between each vessel.

Visit www.martin.fl.us/Coronavirus, Martin County's online resource for information related to COVID-19. Martin County's Community Information Center is staffed to answer questions regarding county business, closures and information from our constitutional officers and community partners. Call 772-287-1652 from 7 a.m.- 6 p.m. daily, with the exception of Easter Sunday, April 12.

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