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# City Daycare & Pre-School Closures Due to COVID-19 Safety Measures

Out of concern for the safety of El Paso families, the City will close Daycare and Pre-School programs at the Galatzan and Veterans Recreation Center effective Wednesday, March 18, until further notice.

The City understands that this presents a challenge to families, and has partnered with the YWCA Paso del Norte Region to provide service to affected families who wish to keep their children enrolled in early learning programs.

Until the Galatzan and Veterans Recreation Centers childcare programs re-open, children who are enrolled at these two facilities can register at the YWCA for the same fees currently offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. If families pre-paid their fees, the fees will transfer to the YWCA, if they choose to have their children attend the YWCA program.

Parents can find a YWCA in their neighborhood by contacting the YWCA online at [www.ywcaelpaso.org](http://www.ywcaelpaso.org) or call (915) 519-0000.

The Galatzan Recreation Center is located in west El Paso at 650 Wallenberg, and the Veterans Recreation is located in northeast El Paso at 5301 Salem.

In addition, the City parks, libraries, museums and zoo remain open; however, all special programming at these locations are suspended until further notice. All Senior Centers remain closed; however, meals for seniors will still be available beginning Tuesday, March 17.

A list of closures, cancellations, and suspensions can be found on the COVID-19 Information and Status banner at [elpasotexas.gov](http://elpasotexas.gov). In addition, for more information on COVID-19, visit [elpasotexas.gov](http://elpasotexas.gov), [EPHealth.com](http://EPHealth.com), [EPSalud.com](http://EPSalud.com). Additionally the 2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Center is available 24/7. Caller can dial 2-1-1 and select option 6.

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