

Dallas County Conservation Board Press Release
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COVID-19 Impacts on Dallas County Conservation Board

Perry, Iowa (March 18, 2020) – The Dallas County Conservation Board is cancelling all public and school programming until further notice as a response to the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, all DCCB buildings and restrooms will be closed to public access effective now through July 1, 2020, or until further notice.

Outdoor spaces including conservation and natural area properties and the Raccoon River Valley Trail and portions of the High Trestle Trail in Dallas County remain open for day use at this time, however visitors are encouraged to not congregate in any location. Respect social distancing guidelines even when outside.

All rentals also suspended for now. Facility reservations have been temporarily placed on hold. Conservation Board staff will reach out directly to those with reservations through the end of June, and renters will have the option of a full refund or to take a raincheck on a future rental. Camping is still permitted in designated locations at Kuehn Conservation Area and Sportsman Park, but no restroom or shower facilities will be available for use.

It is the intent of the DCCB staff to maintain daily operations including answering phones, conducting department business, and keeping up on facility, grounds, and vehicle maintenance projects.

“The department continues to reevaluate this dynamic situation,” says Conservation Board director Mike Wallace, “but we remain committed to our organization’s mission. We will lift these temporary restrictions as soon as we safely can.”

The Dallas County Conservation Board made these decisions with the best interest of public and staff safety and to do its part to slow the spread of COVID-19 through our community. These measures align with ongoing discussions and information from the Dallas County Board Supervisors and Public Health.

The Dallas County Conservation Board will continue to assess the situation and adjust as necessary.

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About Dallas County Conservation Board

The Dallas County Conservation Board was established in 1962 to protect, preserve, and enhance our natural resources by providing opportunities to improve the public’s quality of life through environmental education, ecosystem management, outdoor recreation, and historic preservation. For more information visit www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation.

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