



## ALABAMA RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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The health and wellness of our members and communities are ARPA's top priority. We move forward cautiously and carefully as we make decisions to ensure these priorities. Given the rapidly changing nature and fluidity of this situation, ARPA will strive to keep its stakeholders updated as much as possible. We are working closely with and monitoring information from the [Alabama Department of Public Health](#), the [Alabama State Department of Education](#), and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

The strength of ARPA lies in the wealth of knowledge, experience and actions of its members and communities. Our parks, recreation, and leisure service professionals have an immense role in carrying out community and government procedures. To this point, we have set up a collaboration opportunity through the [ARPA Facebook Group](#). This group is private and reserved for ARPA members only. It is to serve as a sheltered forum where ideas can be presented and questions can be answered through the collective knowledge of our members and communities. Though we may be apart during these times, we remain stronger together.

As we organize for upcoming meetings and events, please be mindful of everyone's role in fighting the spread of COVID-19. Realize that your actions not only impact you, but the lives of many. Please visit the links below for more information on COVID-19, public health and the role of parks and recreation in this event. ARPA will continue to take care of Association business at the highest level, whether in person or by distance.

### ARPA State Events through June 10:

State Basketball Tournament	March 13-15	Trussville	Canceled- Evaluating alternate date
Board of Directors Meeting	March 16	Montgomery	On schedule
Recreational Sports Meeting	April 08	Montgomery	On schedule
Conference Education Meeting	April 15	Montgomery	On schedule
Recreational Sports Meeting	May 13	Montgomery	On schedule
State Track and Field	May 16	Trussville	On schedule
Board of Directors Meeting	June 10	Montgomery	On schedule

NRPA offers excellent information regarding the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and how it is and how it may impact parks and recreation. Please visit links below.

### NRPA News and Resources for the Field

- **Blog:** [Urban Park and Recreation Leaders Discuss Fast-Evolving Impacts of the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)  
Includes how agencies are addressing public use, operations, mitigation, vulnerable populations and employee issues.
- **Blog:** [COVID-19 Guidance for Park and Recreation Sites that Operate USDA Child Nutrition Programs](#)  
Useful information for those who serve meals during out-of-school time.
- **Blog:** [COVID-19 in Parks and Recreation: Supporting Community Health and Wellbeing During an Outbreak](#)  
Tips to encourage health and wellness for community members during social distancing.

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- **Blog:** [Coronavirus: What Impact Will COVID-19 Have on Parks and Recreation?](#)
- **Podcast:** [How Park and Recreation Leaders are Addressing Coronavirus — Episode 61](#)
- [NRPA Statement on Coronavirus Disease 2019, March 4, 2020](#)

**About the Alabama Recreation & Park Association:** Founded in 1943, the Alabama Recreation and Park Association (ARPA) is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit professional organization. We are dedicated to advancing the profession in our state through leadership, education, advocacy, promotion and service. ARPA enables parks and recreation affiliates and professionals, through educational and networking opportunities, to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Alabama each and every day. ARPA empowers members to make a difference and impact communities, blazing the trail for generations to come. We strive to ensure health, wellness, safety and access for all. For details on ARPA's services, please visit [www.arpaonline.org](http://www.arpaonline.org)

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