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TO: Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: City of Palmer Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update 4

With the arrival of warmer weather and weeks of social distancing and indoor isolation, the parks and playgrounds will become a source of additional entertainment and activity, however we must still observe the Governor's mandate on gatherings and social distancing. **Playground equipment in our parks will be off limits effective immediately** due to the inability to effectively and efficiently sanitize all the common "touch" surfaces that are exposed to the public and especially our children.

The parks will remain open for other activities and we encourage our citizens to get out and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine that comes with this time of year. Walk, run, fly a kite (with some "Palmer Strong" string), kick a can, hide and seek, practice soccer passes and shots on goal (without a goalie), be creative with normal activities while still ensuring you keep 6' or more apart and don't share common surfaces.

The measure listed above **will be in effect until further notice.**

As always, we encourage our residents and businesses to follow best practices for sanitation and to expand ways of social distancing so that the risk of community transmission in our community is minimized.

The City is constantly evaluating for the future and will announce other measures as they become necessary and possible reopenings as conditions allow.

We will get through these trying times if we all prepare, mitigate exposure, and support each other from a safe distance. I can't emphasize this enough; this is what makes our community Palmer - "Alaska at its Best!"

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