



The Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area (YCNHA) earlier announced plans to open the doors of both the Colorado River State Historic Park and Yuma Territorial Prison to the public on June 1. The goal of the YCNHA has always been to do so safely by taking the necessary precautions recommended by public health officials to keep our employees and visitors safe. We in fact stated at that time that the current COVID-19 situation has been so complex and fluid, that things were certainly subject to change. The number of people testing positive for the virus continues to rise in Yuma at a very concerning rate. Therefore, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the re-openings of the parks for at least another week, or until more data can be reviewed to determine when a more prudent and firm date can be announced.

As a reminder, following is a list of but a few of the safety measures we are taking to do our part in helping to keep Yumans safe:

- Hand Sanitizing Stations will be visible throughout the parks. We ask that you please sanitize your hands after touching surfaces or doors for your safety and the safety of others. Washing your hands frequently is still the best hygiene option.
- Thank you again to Prison Hill Brewing Co. for supplying hand sanitizer.

- We highly encourage guests to wear masks for their own safety and the safety of others. The YCNHA is requesting this emphatically while within our parks when you cannot effectively observe social distancing guidelines. It would be sad for one of our team members to get sick because an asymptomatic individual inadvertently infects one of them because of a refusal to wear a mask. That could lead to another shut down of a park.
- We will continue to clean and thoroughly disinfect the parks throughout the day.
- Parks team members will encourage visitors to maintain effective social distancing of at least 6ft.
- All staff will wear masks for their safety and the safety of visitors.
- The Visitor Information Center located at the entrance of the Colorado River State Historic Park will only allow 10 people in the building at a time & encourage social distancing, hand washing, wearing of masks, etc.

We must trust that all visitors will unselfishly use their best judgement while touring the parks. Given the complex and fluid nature of this ongoing health situation, things are always subject to change. So please monitor frequently our company website, and visit us on social media for the latest updates. If you wish to have any specific questions answered, feel free to call the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area at 928-373-5198.

The YCNHA sends its best wishes you and your families to remain safe and look forward to seeing you soon!

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