



COVID-19 Update: 3/20/20
BOTANICAL GARDENS OUTDOOR PARK
REMAINS OPEN FOR VISITORS.
Safety Precautions in Place!

The South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center remains open during regular hours (9 am-6 pm, daily), and is implementing additional safety protocols. Safety of visitors, volunteers and staff remains top priority during COVID 19. Our unique 182-acre outdoor park venue provides ample area for social distancing, plus a calming atmosphere to manage stress in the natural environment with lots of sunshine, fresh air and space!

APRIL COMMUNITY EVENTS including **BIG BLOOM Plant Sale & Garden Festival** (April 4); and **Birdiest Festival in America** (April 22-26) have been cancelled, due to crowd size and other recommendations.

Although **there were no confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported in the Coastal Bend community as of March 20**, the Botanical Gardens is taking the following important precautionary measures:

- Disinfecting common areas more frequently.
- Suspending indoor and outdoor group classes and programs including Saturday seminars, Orchidology, "Parrot Talk" and "Rep-tales" temporarily.
- Closing indoor "Resident Reptiles" exhibit and Bromeliad Conservatory, **but outdoor reptiles and parrots remain on display.**
- Recommending visitors follow prevention measures for the protection and safety of themselves and our community:
 - Increase frequency and length of hand-washing.
 - Refrain from touching faces, specifically eyes, nose, and mouth.
 - Cough or sneeze into corner of an elbow or tissue to diminish spread of viruses.
 - Remain at least six feet from other guests.
- Requiring employees and volunteers experiencing any symptoms to stay home and seek medical advice.
- **Requesting anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19, has interacted with someone who is infected, or has traveled in the last 14 days from any high-risk affected country, to plan their visit to the Botanical Gardens at a later date.**

We will continue to closely monitor recommendations from public health and state/municipal/county officials. If there are any changes to our operations we will be sure to share this information with you on our website (www.stxbot.org) and social media platforms.

Your friends at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center,
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