To the Sewanee community,

The governor's Executive Order 23 (April 2), which requires that Tennesseans stay at home, reinforces Executive Order 22's directive that that "congregating or playing on playgrounds presents a unique risk for the spread of COVID-19 and is therefore not covered as an Essential Activity."

Thus, in order to promote physical distancing and protect the well-being of our community, the following Sewanee parks will be closed: Elliott Park, the Community Center playground, the Phil White Dog Park, the Woodlands playground, and the ball field park. The closures take effect at 5 p.m. today, April 3.

This decision is endorsed unanimously by the Sewanee Parks Committee.

Sewanee residents and families are encouraged to use other outdoor options for physical activity that have fewer potential points of contact. Remember to practice physical distancing—stay six feet apart from others—on the trails and sidewalks.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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