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## **4/4/2020 Mayor's Message**

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### **CITY RESTROOMS TO REMAIN OPEN**

Yesterday, Governor Ducey ordered public park restrooms closed that 'do not allow for proper physical distancing or proper hygiene'.

As Mayor, I am directing that we keep both our public restrooms open. The one in the City Park, and the other near City Hall. In my opinion, they allow sufficient social distancing if used by only one or two folks at a time. And, thanks to our Public Works people, they are clean. Very clean.

I believe that we would be at a far greater health risk were the restrooms closed. Here's why: all of us, and visitors to our town -- well, we all pee and poop. And this isn't Tucson, where you can use the facilities in a hotel lobby if there aren't any other publicly-available restrooms.

If we close our public restrooms, we can expect urine and feces on our streets, behind our buildings, most everywhere. Because when you have to go, you go. And allowing Tombstone to turn into a mini-version of downtown San Francisco is absolutely unacceptable to me, and I'm sure also to you.

It gets worse. Turns out that the coronavirus can also be transmitted by aerosolized feces -- airborne dried poop -- according to studies at the National Institute of Health quoted in an April 2 article in Forbes magazine. So besides the stench and traditional risk of unsanitary-condition diseases like dysentery, now it seems possible that poop-filthy streets may also increase COVID-19 outbreaks.

And so, to repeat -- as Mayor, I am directing that we keep both our public restrooms open. Thanks for your attention to this, Dusty.

Mayor Dustin L. Escapule, 4/4/2020.

