

For Immediate Release Wednesday, June 7, 2023

## DUE TO AIR QUALITY ISSUES, MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO CLOSES SENECA PARK ZOO, ALL COUNTY PARKS AND GOLF COURSES

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**ROCHESTER, NY** — Due to the Air Quality Health Advisory issued for today by the state Department of Environmental Conservation and an expectation that conditions will continue to deteriorate, Monroe County Executive Adam Bello has closed the Seneca Park Zoo and all Monroe County Parks, including the Genesee Valley, Durand-Eastman and Churchville golf courses.

Additionally, tonight's scheduled Concerts at the Shore performance Nik and the Nice Guys at Ontario Beach Park is cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

To protect the health and welfare of county employees, all employees who typically work outdoors have been reassigned to indoor tasks. Crews from the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services will respond to outdoor emergency situations only.

For the duration of this situation, Seneca Park Zoo staff will bring as many of the animals housed there indoors in order to ensure they are protected from the poor air quality.

The Monroe County/WM ecopark at 10 Avion Drive in Chili will remain open today during regularly scheduled hours, from 1 to 6:30 p.m.

The Monroe County Department of Public Health will continue to monitor the situation and issues updates as necessary.