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Beach Management Plan 2020

On behalf of the Borough of Sea Bright, we are happy and excited to announce the opening of Sea Bright Public Beaches for the 2020 season and will commence on schedule this Memorial Day weekend. It is our intention to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for our patrons in compliance with guidelines set forth by the state of NJ, our Governor's office, and the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission. This plan is a result of a culmination of efforts by our local elected officials, our Borough Administrator, our Beach Department, and various other Municipal Departments.

Sea Bright Public Beaches will open at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 23rd with a full complement of staffing. All Sea Bright Beach employees will have been trained and educated on COVID-19, its transmission methods, symptoms, and reporting procedures, as well as, the precautions we are taking as a Department including the proper use of personal protective gear. We have worked diligently to maintain consistency in our operational procedures to limit confusion for our staff and our patrons and to curb the need for lengthy face to face interactions.

Parking:

The Borough of Sea Bright will open the municipal parking lot, with reduced capacity, on Friday, May 15th. Paid parking will go into effect on Friday, May 15th with patrons encouraged to use the parking app mPay2Park. The reduction of available parking will be utilized, when necessary, to limit the number of patrons with access to the beach.

Badge Sales:

Patrons will have four access gates to enter the Municipal Beach in Sea Bright. Patrons will find staff at each of these gates ready, and willing to assist them to enter the beach as efficiently as possible. Beach staff will encourage all patrons to be mindful of social distancing guidelines when setting up on the beach. The four gates used for admission create the opportunity for equal distribution of patrons across the Municipal Beach. Patrons will be able to purchase seasonal and daily badges for admission to the beach.

Beach Use and Access:

Each beach day, overall capacity will be monitored regularly by beach staff designated solely for this purpose. Staff will regularly report to the Beach Manager who will decide to reduce or restrict access to the beach (or certain gates). Per NJ Executive Order #143, municipalities may impose reasonable restrictions on public access to beaches to protect public safety and welfare, such as limiting the number of patrons on the beach at any one time, provided such restrictions are applied in a non-discriminatory manner."

In order to ensure social distancing guidelines are achieved, the walkway on top of the sea wall will be closed. The stairs on the sea wall will be open for east-west crossings to gain access to the beach.

Organized games and contact sports on the beach are prohibited. There will be no special events on the beach. In accordance with NJ Executive Order #143, "all employees and visitors are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings when present on the public and private beaches when social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, except where doing so would inhibit that individual's health or where the individual is under two years of age." Exceptions to this include when swimming, sunbathing, or other settings where social distancing is possible.

Facilities:

The public restrooms will be open with a limit of three patrons using the restroom at one time. Face coverings should be utilized when using the restrooms. Patrons are reminded to wash their hands and practice social distancing. The public restrooms will be routinely disinfected in addition to their regularly scheduled cleanings. The showers and foot wash stations will not be available. The playground will be closed. The water fountains will not be available. The public will not have access to public benches, chairs, or tables.

Demarcations depicting six feet of spacing will be present in areas where the public may form a line.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in helping make the summer in Sea Bright a safe and successful season.