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PACIFICA 4th OF JULY HOLIDAY WEEKEND BEACH CLOSURES AND FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Pacifica, CA) – Due to COVID-19, all Pacifica beaches and beach parking lots will be closed for the long Fourth of July weekend, from sunrise Friday, July 3 to sunrise Monday, July 6. Concern about the continuing, and increasing, transmission of COVID-19 locally and across the state means that over-crowded gatherings, such as usually happens at the beaches on holiday weekends, presents increased health concerns. Closing Pacifica's beaches and parking is in alignment with Governor Newsom's order to close state beach parking and to close state beaches where local closures occur. Closing beach parking without closing beaches creates impacts on Pacifica neighborhoods near the beaches as crowds attempt to park in residential neighborhoods and beaches still become overcrowded. Therefore, for health and safety during this increasing Coronavirus pandemic, beach closures are warranted.

Specifically, the following beaches and beach parking lots will be closed in Pacifica:

- Pacifica State Beach (Linda Mar Beach) and north and south parking lots,
- Crespi parking lot in front of the Pacifica Community Center,
- Rockaway Beach and north and south parking lots,
- Sharp Park Beach
- Esplanade Beach and Fisherman's Lot in the 800 block of Palmetto Avenue

The Coastal Trail, Mori Point hiking trails, Beach Boulevard Promenade, and Pacifica Pier will remain open for visitors to enjoy while practicing health protective measures such as wearing a mask and physically distancing six feet apart.

"It is unfortunate that these holiday weekend closures need to occur," says Pacifica Mayor Deirdre Martin, "but this is one Fourth of July when these measures are appropriate so we can all remain safe and work together to stop the spread of COVID-19. Please celebrate the holiday safely at home."

The ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES RELATING TO TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BEACHES AND BEACH PARKING FACILITIES TO THE PUBLIC FROM SUNRISE ON JULY 3, 2020 TO SUNRISE ON JULY 6, 2020 WITHIN PACIFICA DUE TO COVID-19 (ORDER NO. 2020-03) can be viewed on the City's

website at <https://www.cityofpacificac.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=1356.224&BlobID=17095>. City officials in Half Moon Bay have also closed their beaches and beach parking from sunrise Friday morning to Monday morning.

In addition to the beach closures, the Pacifica Police Department will be taking a zero tolerance stance on those found in possession of or discharging illegal fireworks. Also, those hosting gatherings will be fined if illegal fireworks are discharged from their property, regardless of who discharged the firework. The fine for possession or discharge of an illegal firework is \$1,000. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City has issued an emergency order prohibiting the discharge of Safe and Sane Fireworks from all City operated parking lots.

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