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## **Seal Beach City Parks, Beaches, Parking Lots - Closed**

SEAL BEACH, CA. – The City of Seal Beach is monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and is proactively working to stop the spread of the virus. During the past weekend large crowds were seen on the beach, pier and in parks. Although Governor Newsom’s stay at home order allows for outdoor activities such as walking and exercising, it specifies that everyone outside of one household should maintain a separation of at least six feet. As people congregate on our beaches and pier, the opportunity for the spread of infection is increased.

Based on the number of people seen on the beach and pier, it appears that some members of the public are not respecting and adhering to Governor Newsom’s order. In order to help stop the spread of infection and prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, the Director of Emergency Services for the City has ordered that several public areas of Seal Beach will be closed until further notice. This Order has been issued pursuant to Seal Beach Municipal Code Section 3.25.020(a)(7).

The following areas will be closed to the public:

- All Beaches including Surfside Beach
- Playgrounds/Tot Lot
- All City Parks including Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Volleyball Courts, and Picnic Areas
- Arbor Dog Park
- Gum Grove Nature Park
- Edison Park Community Garden
- Beach Parking Lots
- Seal Beach Pier
- Public Restrooms
- San Gabriel River Bike Path

The Seal Beach Police Department will continue to patrol these areas. Those who do not comply with the order will be issued citations for violations of Seal Beach Municipal Code § 3.25.030(B), Government Code §26600 (preservation of peace), §41601.1 (execution of disease prevention orders), Health & Safety Code §101029 (prevention orders for the spread of infectious diseases), §120295 (offense penalty for violation of health order), §120175.5 (outbreak of communicable disease), and/or others.

The closures will go into effect Monday, March 23, 2020 at 10:00 pm until further notice. For updated information visit the City of Seal Beach website at [www.sealbeachca.gov](http://www.sealbeachca.gov).

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