Dear Residents,

Beach season is here, but it is certainly going to be a summer that we’ve never experienced before. Our beautiful beaches are certainly a special place for the residents of America’s largest township, but we must recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has created a “new normal,” at least for the summer of 2020. Our beaches are open, but under the restrictions imposed by the state of New York as well as enhanced measures taken by the Town of Hempstead in the best interests of your health and safety. While we will work our hardest to ensure that you have an enjoyable time at the beach, we must all work together as a team — town staff and beachgoers — to ensure that our beaches remain open throughout the entire summer season. Please read this flyer for a list of beach rules, which include guidelines on social distancing and masks. Thank you for your patience and understanding. I wish you all the best in health and safety during this time and hope you have a wonderful time at our beautiful beaches!

Be well,

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ENJOYING TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD BEACHES SAFELY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

We take the health and well-being of our residents and employees seriously and are committed to ensuring the safe enjoyment of our pristine beaches during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please take a moment to read the following safety guidelines that have been established for Hempstead Town beaches:

**Beach Capacity:**

- To facilitate proper social distancing, admission to all Town of Hempstead beaches shall be limited to residents of Nassau County only.
- In order to adhere to state capacity guidelines, parking lot access will be restricted to 50% or less, subject to lifeguard discretion and parking will be limited to alternate spaces.

**Face Coverings and Masks**

*All visitors must wear a face covering or a mask.*

- **Masks must be worn:**
  - when you arrive at the beach.
  - when moving through the parking lot.
  - when walking down to the beachfront or up from the beachfront.
  - when in the restroom area or any other public area.
  - when approaching a lifeguard, town employee or another patron.
- **Visitors may remove their masks:**
  - when in the water.
  - when stationary on a towel, blanket, chair, etc. with their household group.

**Swimming Restrictions**

- Depending upon beach and water conditions, lifeguards may restrict swimming up to 20-30 feet from the shoreline, or at most 10 feet past the “wave break.”

**Social Distancing**

- Visitors must practice social distancing, maintaining a distance of six feet from other beachgoers (unless they are members of the same household or family unit).
- Adherence to social distancing and public health policies will be monitored and enforced.
- Blankets and chairs on beach must be 10 feet apart from other groups (except for members of the same household or family unit).

**Concessions**

- In accordance with state guidelines, concession areas are closed.
- Social gathering areas, including picnic areas, are closed.

**Restrooms**

- Only two people are allowed in each restroom at a time.
- Restrooms will be cleaned every half hour.

**Trash**

- Visitors are asked to carry their trash off the beach. Please dispose of used gloves and masks in trash cans when exiting the beach.

**Recreational Activities**

- All group contact activities, including games or sports, are prohibited.
- All playgrounds will remain closed until further notice.
- Beach rules prohibiting dogs, smoking, vaping, or use of drones remain in effect.

Facilities are subject to possible closure if a marked increase in infection rates or issues with public guidelines arise. Please check our website, hempsteadtownny.gov, for up-to-date information regarding capacity and restrictions at beach facilities. The Town of Hempstead reserves the right to modify these guidelines without notice to ensure the safety of residents and staff.