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PRESS RELEASE

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Pacifica to Close Public Beach Parking Lots

Following Governor Newsom's closure of parking lots at State of California beaches and parks, the City of Pacifica will be closing all of its beach parking lots. This includes the following locations: Pacifica State Beach (Linda Mar Beach) north and south lots, lots in front of and behind the Pacifica Community Center, Rockaway Beach north and south lots, the Council Chambers lot on Beach Boulevard, Beach Boulevard parking south of the Council Chambers, and the Fisherman's Lot in the 800 block of Palmetto Avenue. Social/physical distancing is necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Over the past weekend, coastal beaches saw an influx of visitors, which created an environment not conducive to virus mitigation. Everyone should stay close to home and avoid any crowded areas. Parking laws will be enforced in these areas.

Many local neighborhoods are walkable or have trails nearby that are easily accessible by foot or bicycle. Avoid driving except for essential travel and stay close to home for fresh air and any outdoor activities. While it may be tempting to enjoy a warm day at the beach, everyone should remain six feet from anyone not within their household. Please be respectful of private neighborhoods surrounding beach areas. We all need to do our part, stay close to home, and utilize the outdoor amenities that are walkable in our own neighborhoods. If everyone sacrifices in the short term, the days will return where the beach and coastal amenities can be enjoyed together by all.

Effective March 25, 2020, the following Pacifica beach parking lots will be closed:

- Pacifica State Beach (Linda Mar Beach) north and south lots
- Parking lots in front of and behind the Pacifica Community Center
- Rockaway Beach north and south lots
- Council Chambers lot on Beach Boulevard
- Beach Boulevard parking south of the Council Chambers
- Fisherman's Lot in the 800 block of Palmetto Avenue

Effective March 24, 2020, the following coast side State beach parking lots are closed:

- Gray Whale Cove State Beach
- Half Moon Bay State Beach
- Montara State Beach
- Pescadero State Beach
- Pigeon Point Lighthouse
- Pomponio State Beach
- San Gregorio State Beach
- Bean Hollow State Beach

As a reminder, the San Mateo County Health Officer's Order defines essential activities as necessary for the health and safety for individuals and their families. Essential businesses allowed to operate during the recommended action include health care operations; businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals; fresh and nonperishable food retailers (including convenience stores); pharmacies; child care facilities; gas stations; banks; laundry businesses and services necessary for maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of a residence. In addition, health care, law and safety, and essential government functions will continue under the recommended action. For the full list, [please see section 10 of the order](#) or [read the County's press release](#). The community's health and well-being continue to be the City's top priorities. You may visit the [City's Coronavirus web page](#) for resources and updates on City-specific services.

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