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Los Angeles County Beaches to Reopen for Limited Activities on May 13

Manhattan Beach, CA (May 11, 2020) – Beginning on Wednesday, May 13, beaches operated by Los Angeles County, including those in Manhattan Beach, will be reopened with restrictions for limited active uses with physical distancing as a requirement. At this time, the Strand, bike path, Pier and parking lots will remain closed.

“Following numerous discussions and meetings with Los Angeles County, I am excited that one of our most valued resources, the beach, will once again be accessible to the public,” said Mayor Richard Montgomery. “I urge everyone to follow all Public Health Orders for your safety and your neighbors, and please use the beach responsibly by practicing physical distancing. The beach will be open for active uses only, such as walking, running, surfing and swimming. If beach visitors do not follow all the rules, the State of California or Los Angeles County can once again close our beaches. By abiding by these measures, you will play an important role in keeping the beaches open.”

Currently, the beaches will operate under normal hours and can only be utilized for active recreation. Beach goers are not permitted to set up chairs, canopies, coolers, grills, sunbathe, hold gatherings of any size, or have any organized recreational programming (i.e. beach volleyball). As a general rule, everyone should avoid crowded areas where possible. Violators of these requirements may be subject to fines and criminal prosecution.

Los Angeles County expects to reopen the beaches in a phased approach. This preliminary step will allow the County to assess if additional activities may be permitted at the beach, as long as the risks of spreading the coronavirus are minimized.

The County of Los Angeles has indicated that face coverings are required while on the beach (and not in the water) and when around others. For guidance on how to properly wear and care for your face covering please see the [Center for Disease Control's website](#) or the LA County Department of Public Health's guidance.