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HUNTINGTON BEACH TO INCREASE PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PATROLS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OVER THE JULY 4TH WEEKEND

City encourages visitors and residents to mask up and socially distance to protect the community from COVID-19.

With the upcoming 4th of July weekend, the City will be deploying an enhanced public safety presence at the beaches, while also proactively enforcing regulations against illegal fireworks during the holiday weekend. Additionally, the City will be engaging additional public outreach efforts to promote public health and safety to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, especially in light of recent spikes in coronavirus cases throughout Orange County.

The City will fully staff its Police Department and Marine Safety Division to patrol beaches and other high traffic areas throughout the weekend to encourage and enforce social distancing. The Pier and City beaches will remain open this weekend during regular hours, with beaches set to close at 10 p.m. and the Pier closing at midnight. In addition, there will be no professional fireworks displays this year, in recognition of State regulations restricting large gatherings. Of note, the City will be hosting a modified 4th of July Parade and Community Celebration, with additional details available online at <https://www.hb4thofjuly.org/>.

The City is working to post over 600 signs throughout its beach and downtown areas to emphasize the critical importance of social distancing and the use of face coverings. In addition, the City will be making hourly announcements from Tower Zero to provide additional social distancing reminders to beachgoers, and City staff will be distributing fliers to local businesses, asking them to carefully adhere to all State reopening guidelines to limit the spread of COVID-19 and help prevent future business closures. Lastly, the City will position reader boards with similar messaging along Pacific Coast Highway to inform visitors entering the City.

With the continued rise of COVID-19 cases in Orange County and throughout California, the City urges the public to behave responsibly as we work together to reverse the current coronavirus transmission rate in our community.

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