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South Padre Island issues order regarding beach operations

South Padre Island, TX, July 1, 2020: The City of South Padre Island beach accesses will remain open and have issued an emergency order regarding beach operations that began yesterday.

The Island is a popular place to visit and the public should be mindful that the COVID-19 virus is still impacting the Rio Grande Valley. While on the beach, everyone should follow protocols to prevent further spread of this virus.

"We all need to take this virus seriously," said Patrick McNulty, mayor, "The order is to keep you and the community safe."

McNulty also stated "One thing is clear, we need all residents and guests to follow the simple rules of Social Distancing, face coverings in all businesses, face coverings when social distancing can't be achieved, and practice good hygiene. We also need people to follow the quarantine rules! If you test, quarantine until you get your results. If you are positive, quarantine until you are cleared. If you have been exposed, quarantine. We need everyone's help to keep SPI, the County, Texas and the USA open. We will get through this if we all work together and do our part!"

If you're headed to the beach, follow the order below:

BEACH VENDORS

- Beach vendors can only preset the front-row following the spacing guidelines below.
- All non-single pole shade structures will be prohibited.
- All single-pole shade structures will be separated by a minimum of 15 feet from the outside edge/tip of the structure.
- All secondary beach chairs and umbrellas must be stored at the dune line and setup on demand only.
- Chairs and umbrellas must be rented and occupied at the time of setup, for the secondary rows.
- Only two chairs per single pole shade structure will be permitted.

BEACH GOERS

- All non-single pole shade structures will be prohibited.
- All single-pole shade structures will be separated by a minimum of 15 feet from the outside edge/tip of the structure.
- Only two chairs per single pole shade structure will be permitted.

This emergency management order will remain in effect until July 7, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.

Peace Officers, City of South Padre Island Health Inspectors, Code Enforcement/Ordinance Officers/Inspectors are hereby authorized to enforce this order. A violation of this order is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 in accordance with the City of South Padre Island Code of Ordinances.

Read the entire order [HERE](#).

The Mayor and the Emergency Management Coordinator can close the beach at any time if social distancing is not followed.

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