**2020 Town of Harwich Beach Season Opening Plan**

***Pre-season Covid Monitoring***

* Monday May 25 through June 26
* The Recreation and Youth Department is hiring 13-15 Covid Compliance Personnel to monitor Covid safety and guidelines at all major Harwich Beaches with associated parking lots.
* We will have Covid Compliance Personnel at the following beaches:

Red River Beach

Bank Street Beach

Earle Road Beach

Pleasant Road Beach

Long Pond (Fernandez Bog)

Cahoons Beach

Atlantic Ave Beach

Grey Neck Beach

Brooks Road Beach

Sand Pond

* Covid Compliance Personnel will monitor beaches 9:30am-4:30pm, 7 days per week
* Personnel responsibilities will include:

Monitoring social distancing between bathing groups on the beaches

Monitoring to ensure no groups of more than 10 people

Monitoring the prohibition of ball playing, kites, Frisbees, beach games etc.

* Personnel will be provided with mask, gloves, sanitizer, and basic first aid kit in case of emergency
* Base of operations (Community Center) will have a senior employee monitoring radios and responding to any issues on the beaches
* Personnel required to maintain social distancing with patrons and to use all Personal Protective Equipment when social distancing is not possible
* 13-15 Covid Compliance Personnel will continue in their positions through the summer season -- June 27 through Labor Day

***Summer Staff Precautionary Measures***

* All summer staff will be trained by representative of the Health Department in Covid Safety Awareness.
* All summer staff will be required to have masks and gloves available when social distancing with patrons and other staff is not possible
* Lifeguard stands will be limited to one guard per stand at all times to ensure social distancing
* Significant space will be blocked off around each lifeguard stand to ensure distancing between staff and patrons of the beach
* All equipment will be washed down and sanitized before and after each shift
* Staff will be instructed to be very vigilant and aware of their own health and to communicate to supervisors any illness
* Staff will not be permitted to car pool to beach shift

***Beach Parking***

* All beaches will be allowed full parking capacity except Pleasant Road Beach and Earle Road Beach.
* Earle Road Beach has a large parking lot for a small beach area – social distancing would not be feasible if lot was full – back of Earle Road Parking lot will be blocked off to prohibit parking (50% capacity)
* Pleasant Road Beach has a large parking lot for a small beach area – social distancing would not be feasible if lot was full – back two rows of Pleasant Road Parking lot will be blocked off to prohibit parking (60% capacity)
* All other town beaches could have full parking lots and still achieve social distancing guidelines based on acreage area of beach.

***Beach Daily Pass Sales***

* Beach Daily Pass Sales will be taking place at Red River Beach and Long Pond (Fernandez Bog).
* We are proposing to discontinue daily pass sales at Pleasant Road Beach and Earle Road Beach for the Summer 2020 Season due to parking restrictions at those respective lots.
* Gate Attendants selling daily passes will be provided with a money box (drop box) daily so that patrons can insert payment into slot without money changing hands between staff and patron. Exact change only will be allowed.
* When selling daily passes, gate attendants will wear mask and gloves.
* Gate Attendants will wash down and sanitize all equipment before, during, and after shift.

***Beach Restroom Facilities***

* Beach Restroom Facilities at Town of Harwich Beaches will be opened for the season and cleaned 2-3 times daily by DPW.
* Covid Compliance Personnel will be responsible for managing restroom lines and social distancing.

***Beach Trash Pick-up***

* Town of Harwich Beach trash pick-up will continue as normally scheduled during the beach season by DPW.

***Beach Food Vendors***

* Beach Food Vendors under Town Contract will be permitted to begin operations at assigned beaches while fulfilling all safety guidelines (curbside pick up) and working with Health Department for proper permitting.
* Beach Food Vendors will not be permitted to have any picnic tables, chairs, or seating areas associated with their vendor area.
* Beach Food Vendors for the 2020 Beach Season include:

Mobile Mixers Mobile Food Vendor – Bank Street Beach

Mobile Mixers Mobile Food Vendor – Red River Beach

Winterbottom Ice Cream Trucks – All Town of Harwich Beaches

***General Beach Safety Measures***

* Appropriate signage will be posted at all Town of Harwich Beaches highlighting safety guidelines and beach policies regarding Covid.
* Hand Sanitizing stations will be placed at all Town of Harwich Beaches.
* Covid Compliance Personnel will ensure a socially distanced flow of people throughout parking lot, from parking lot to beach, and throughout beach areas.
* Beach safety guidelines will be highlighted on Recreation Department social media pages.
* Beach safety guidelines will be posted on Department website.