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HERMOSA'S BEACH TO RE-OPEN WEDNESDAY FOR ACTIVE RECREATION ***L.A. County to Permit Surfing, Swimming, Walking and Running; Prohibit Sunbathing, Picnicking and Gatherings in First Phase of Re-Opening***

HERMOSA BEACH – Hermosa's beach and all Los Angeles County's beaches will re-open for individual activities -- which include swimming, surfing, walking, jogging and running - beginning Wednesday, May 13. The L.A. County Department of Public Health amended its public health order to re-open the beaches with restrictions, which include prohibitions on sunbathing, picnicking, cycling, volleyball, congregating on the beach, beach umbrellas and coolers during this first phase of re-opening.

The Department of Public Health has also indicated its amended public health order will require cloth face coverings when out of the water and near others. The beaches will be open during normal hours and restrooms will be open during that time.

Hermosa Beach's Strand and Pier will remain closed during this first phase because the volume of activity can make physical distancing challenging to maintain. The sand and ocean may be accessed by crossing the Strand at designated access points. Hermosa Beach parking lots will be open with time limits to discourage all-day beach activity.

"We have been working closely with L.A. County and our neighboring communities to plan for a safe re-opening of the beach, and we are so pleased to be able to welcome the community to enjoy some time on the sand and in the water," said City Manager Suja Lowenthal. "We know how important the beach is to our community, and with everyone's responsible use of the beach during this phase, we look forward to resuming additional beach activities."

The public health restrictions remain in place and include physical distancing, washing hands, staying home when ill, wearing cloth face coverings in public spaces where physical distancing is not possible and staying home as much as possible.

The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors has outlined a plan to gradually expand beach activities over time to include sunbathing and beach volleyball. The current plan calls for expanding activities in phases, with each phase lasting about six weeks. But the timing of each phase is expected to be based on how the public manages the current restrictions and the public health indicators including number of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

About Hermosa Beach

Founded in 1907, Hermosa Beach is a thriving community of some 20,000 residents. Located on the southern end of the Santa Monica Bay in Los Angeles County, with beaches ranked among the best in the world, Hermosa Beach has been recognized for its work to highlight Southern California beach culture, foster a vibrant local economy and protect coastal and environmental resources.

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