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The cities of Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach, and Neptune Beach are in support of Governor DeSantis' and Mayor Curry's emergency declarations regarding COVID-19, and requirements for social distancing and minimal group sizes. To that end, all three communities are determined to try and keep the beaches open for as long as practical, but can only do so with support from the public.

The beach crowds that have been seen over the past week are equal to what we experience during summer months. However, resources at all three communities (to include lifeguard staffing) are currently limited based on the time of year and the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency.

The beach communities request that the public adhere to the following guidelines:

- If you are planning to enter the water, stay within 500 feet of a lifeguard chair to support lifesaving response
- Continue to practice social distancing of groups less than 10, and distance separation of at least 6 feet

If the public adheres to these guidelines, the beaches may be able to stay open for an extended period of time. The beach cities will continue to monitor the situation on a daily basis, and make adjustments accordingly.