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Subject *
Proposed Modification Regarding Order 4.A.11: Order Closing Public Beaches

Comments * (?)

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The order to close beaches makes perfect sense when it prevents groups from gathering. However, there is virtually no public health risk in allowing individuals to walk on the beach. It is an outside activity where risks are minimal when one is a safe distance from others. I would urge the City and Mayor to issue a more targeted order allowing individuals (and pets) to walk on the beach. For many residents, this will go a long way to foster health, ease anxiety and depression.

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Subject *
Closing beach

Comments * (?)

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It makes good sense to allow residents to walk, jog or ride bikes on beach for exercise. Social distancing observed, no chairs or blankets or canopies for gathering. Staying healthy is important for all of us (especially us seniors). Revise the restrictions Please!

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Subject *
Beach Closures

Comments * (?)

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We support the social distancing regulations to prevent the spread of the virus. We suggest modifying the beach closures to allow walking, running, or biking type exercise which is critically important to mental health and also a major benefit of living in Galveston. Also you could limit groups to 2 adults plus children from same household only. This can work especially in neighborhoods on the west end of the island. Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject *
Closed beaches

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum
I feel that Galveston beaches should be open to Galveston residents who can prove residency.

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Subject *
Closure of beaches

Comments * (?)
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City Council,

Please consider re-opening the beaches on a limited basis, to allow individual movement-based activities such as walking, jogging and running. If these activities are permitted in the limited space of the Seawall Blvd sidewalk, they should be permitted on the beaches.

Preventing public gatherings is important to the physical health of the city's residents, but (limited) access to the beaches is equally important to our mental and emotional health.

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Subject *
Beach Closure Amendment

Comments * (?)

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I support the closure of the beaches since social distancing was not being followed by some people, especially visitors. However, for us residents the beaches are our only source of exercise and sanity. It would be great if the beach could be open for exercise only (no sitting allowed). This would not encourage day trippers to use the beach and camp out all day and also residents could exercise and stay healthy. Thanks in advance for your consideration to this matter.

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Subject *
Beach access

Comments * (?)

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Walking / exercise on the beach as a solo or couple should be allowed. Houses on beach shouldn't have to walk on the highway. Its not safe.
Rule no groups larger than 2 allowed on beach

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Subject *
Beach closure

Comments * (?)

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As a Galveston resident who takes advantage of beach access for personal fitness I have found the recent full beach closure extremely upsetting. Is it possible to modify the closure to exclude residents. This would allow beach use during a particularly challenging health situation that has us home-bound to an unprecedented level. Thank you.

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Subject *
Beach closure

Comments * (?)
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My husband and I are both over 60. We are doing our best to be very cautious during this difficult time. But the one highlight of our day is going for a walk on Pirates Beach with our dogs. We are hoping for a solution that will deter tourists but enable residents to access the beach for exercise.

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Subject *
The public walking

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum
We should be able to walk the beach no chairs just walking the beach! Will help people relax!!

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Subject *
Closing the beaches

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Hello. I understand the rationale for closing the beaches and I also understand why you cannot single out residents from visitors.
Would it be possible to allow certain activities on the beach such as exercising, walking the dog on a leash, solitary fishing?

I really miss not being able to walk my dog on the beach. Ironically I am passing closer to people walking in the subdivision than when walking on the beach.
Thank you for considering my request. Regards, Paula Fairbanks

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Subject *
Beach Closures

Comments * (?)

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I respectfully request that beaches west of Cove View and east of San Louis Pass be open to individuals to walk, fish, or swim. Since the beaches are already being patrolled for violators, it would not take additional resources to disperse/fine groups vs. penalizing individuals who are responsibly social distancing while getting exercise, maintaining our sanity, and cleaning the beaches (which I do 2-3 times/day). As a tax-paying, voting Galveston citizen, I should be able to walk the beach.

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Subject *
Galveston Beach Closure

Comments * (?)

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I ask you to ease the restriction. You have discouraged visitors and I urge you to quietly re-open the beaches, but enforce Gov. Abbott's order on physical distancing & no groups beyond family units. Much of our coast is lightly populated. West of Jamaica Beach and, prior to your ordinance, I saw only 2-4 people/mile on the beach, clearly posing no threat to public health. I recommend you soften the current beach closure to allow residents to enjoy their beach. Thanks for keeping us safe!

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Subject *
Beach restrictions

Comments * (?)
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Please consider a resident only beach access program. Limited to personal exercise, dog walking or reading etc. No group congregation, possibly no more than 2 persons together. Restricted to a defined access and egress point. Thanks.

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Subject *
Beach access

Comments * (?)
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Access morning to 12ish
4 until sunset
At the least

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Subject *
Closed beaches

Comments * (?)
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I urge the Mayor and Council to find a solution that allows individuals/couples to walk/run on Galveston beaches. We have plans and experience in closing the island down to allow only residents and people who work here when we have hurricanes. Perhaps if we used those plans to limit the number of people on the island, we could then re-open the beaches. Alternately, ask the governor to issue an exec order to bypass the open-beaches act for this disaster to allow only resident on the beaches.

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Subject *
Beaches

Comments * (?)

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Please consider reopening the beaches for walking. I own a home within walking distance of the beach on the west end of Galveston. I am sheltering in place with my family and dogs. We are working from home and not interacting with anyone outside of our home. We only want to be able to enjoy walks on the beach. Before the beaches were closed I saw very few people on this end of the island on the beaches except for walkers. We are all tiring of walking up and down the same street

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Subject *
Reopen our beaches and businesses

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Galveston Island has never tolerated being pushed around by the State and Federal Government. There is no reason to tolerate it now! We must reopen our beaches and businesses; we must restore the rights and freedoms of our citizens. Now is the time to show the rest of the Nation how tough we are - let's send a message that no virus will defeat us nor tread on our freedom.

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Subject *
Beach closure

Comments * (?)
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Seems to me that we could allow people to walk on the beach along the stretch next to the seawall while still keeping people from congregating and setting up camp with umbrellas, chairs, etc.

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Subject *
Beach Closure

Comments * (?)

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The closing of the beaches to foot traffic is too much. With no vehicle traffic aloud on beaches that should be enough deterrent to keep large groups away. To say you can't walk or lay on beaches is just penalizing West End residents.

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Subject *
Beach permission for residents for exercise

Comments * (?)

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I would ask that for folks on the west end and on the main beach that walking, running, exercising be permitted, with no sitting, chairs, tents, etc.

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Subject *
CLOSSING OF BEACHES AND OTHER AREAS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

i feel as the coronavirus is a serious matter that should not be taken lightly. Having said that I do not feel that closing the beaches though merited was done so with proper discussion and research. I would like to see all things go back to normal and would like to see the city of Galveston be proactive and attentive to when we can start being the Galveston we are known for. This closing we all know is counterproductive to this island and need to get back to BAU.

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Subject *
Closing beach

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum
Would the council consider letting galveston residents access to the beach?

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Subject *
beach closure

Comments * (?)
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Dear City Officials,
I would like to request the beaches be opened for exercise (running, walking, biking, ball, etc only) in groups of no more than 2, but not for sitting in chairs or laying on blankets. This would limit the time spent at the beach and large groups from forming pulling up chairs or pitching tents.
Thank you for your service and consideration.
Montie Krumnow

City of Galveston

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Subject *
Limited pedestrian beach access

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum
Please consider allowing limited (solitary?) pedestrian access to beaches.

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Subject *
Beach closure

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I fully support the closure of the beaches. However, for us residents the beaches are our source of exercise and sanity. It would be great if the beech could be open for exercise only (no sitting allowed) from 7 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 8 pm. This would not encourage day trippers to use the beach and camp out all day and would also residents to exercise and stay healthy during these trying times.

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Subject *
Beach Closure

Comments * (?)

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While I can understand some of what you are doing downtown with the closing of beaches, for those of us that are outside the main seawall area, we would like to be able to use the beach for walking and running. I understand not allowing sitting and so forth but to completely limit the use of the beach outside of the main tourist areas is probably not was intended by the complete closure. So I am asking that you allow walking, running and biking to those outside the seawall areas.

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Subject *
Beach closure

Comments * (?)

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Exercise & sunshine are important tools to keep my body healthy & my immune system in peak condition. Closing the beach entirely is just wrong. I strongly recommend that you allow walking, running, swimming & bicycling activities on the beach (no chair sitting or inactive pursuits). Please do NOT set time "windows" for such activity as that would "bunch up" larger groups of people. Limits of 2 adults plus children from the same household could be applied. Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject *
Beach access and COVID concerns

Comments * (?)

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I wonder if an island access restriction might be more effective. Limiting island access to essential personnel and residents only for now as tourists have nothing to do here at this time other than wander the streets/Seawall getting drunk. Limiting beach access & keeping the Seawall open causes those who observe the 6 foot rule to get into that space of others as there is no way to avoid those who dont. Hopeful a sensible compromise can be made.

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Subject *
Beach closures

Comments * (?)
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I would hate to have our Pirates Beach closed for an extended period. Is there a way to have the beach on the west end available for walking and running only for certain hours of the day? I too don't want to see groups congregating on the beach but would like to resume my beach runs.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep us safe.

Debbie and Bill Hanna

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Subject *
Exercise on Beaches

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum
Requesting options for public access to beaches for exercise(i.e. surfing, dog walking, running).

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Subject *
Beach regulations.

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

As a home owner on the island's west end I'd really appreciate an opportunity for the city and county to review current beach closure regulations.

I realize timing is terrible for group gatherings and it's very difficult to control random behavior without passing strict rules.

Would it be possible to create a sunrise & sunset timeframe where the beach was open for exercise or surf fishing. No tents, chairs, coolers, beach games, etc...just shoes and/or a fishing rod.

Thanks!

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Subject *
Beach closure

Comments * (?)
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Please open beach access up to residents. We are great at maintaining social distancing. Please don't keep closed because of others who are irresponsible. Walking (or sitting) on the beach helps maintain sanity through this mess.

Closing beaches sent the walkers and runner up on the Seawall where it is much more difficult to maintain social distancing.

Thanks for all you do - especially through difficult times.

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Subject *
Beach closures

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum
Residents should be allowed beach access if they have appropriate ID.

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Subject *
Residents need the beaches

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Please consider opening the beaches for resident use. For most locals, the beach offers an escape during this crazy time. Imagine being stuck inside your house all day, with or without kids, and the only place you can go to get some fresh air and play around is the beach. Why should residents be punished due to out of towners not following the rules? Thank you.

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Subject *
Beach access for walks

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum
Please allow local residents to walk the beaches. We can be responsible.

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Subject *
Please End Surfing Prohibition

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Please end the ban on surfing. I understand the gravity of the current pandemic, and the reasoning behind closing the beaches. However, the local surfing community has lost its main ability to cope with the stress of everything through our favorite form of exercise.

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Subject *
Beach Closure

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

For those of us on the West End, the beach is our main outlet for necessary exercise and sunshine. If the beach closure must be extended, will the council consider all or some of the following qualifications to allow for exercise? Qualifications: 1) allowing walking, running, swimming, or biking only (no sitting or chairs); 2) time restrictions (e.g., between 6:30am and 8:30am); 3) Limit groups to 2 adults plus children from same household only. Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject *
Beach access

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please reconsider your edict to close the beaches to residents. Residents could be asked to carry id's that reflect their address or perhaps have availability to the beaches until 11:00 am. On the west end, there are no longer tourists and those on the beach could comply with a safe distance of 10' or more!
The word is out that Galveston is closed. Let the residents enjoy their city. Thank you.

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Subject *
Closing of beaches and Vacation Rentals

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Vacation Rentals are a major employer on the island. Closing them means no paychecks for many local residents. Allowing family's to "shelter in place" inside a rental will also support Galveston's economy which is taking a bloodbath right now.

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Subject *
Surfing

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I ask that the city consider lifting the ban on surfing. It is a great form of exercise, it is socially distant, and doesn't require gathering on the beach.
Thank you

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Subject *
Beach closing

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I firmly support all the efforts the city is making to slow the spread of the coronavirus, but as the quarantine period gets longer, it becomes more important to have a safe outlet like walking on the beach. Would it be possible to have restricted hours of beach access, like 6 a.m until 10 a.m. or noon? That would winnow out the beachgoers while leaving walkers and dog walkers with a few hours of safe, uncrowded access.

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Subject *
Beach Closure

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

We love Galveston, we love the beach. We understand the reason for the closure. We respectfully request that the decision regarding the beach closure be modified. Our suggestion is to close the beach on weekends, to keep visitors from infecting others, but to open the beaches during the week so residents can enjoy it. Can we adjust the restrictions so residents can enjoy this natural beauty and walk the beach and take our dogs for walks on the beach on weekdays?

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Subject *
please allow residents the right to walk/ run on the beach for the sole purpose of exercise.

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

There isn't an Easy place to exercise other than the beach. The highway isn't safe. The sea wall isn't wide enough for social distancing. Solo or couple walking should be allowed. Thank you.

City of Galveston

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Subject *
Beach closure exemption for surfing

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

I would like to request a revision to the beach closure order to allow for surfing in Galveston. Surfing is a great way to exercise and enjoy being outside during a very dynamic and uncertain time.

While I understand the need for closing the beach activities, I do not spend time on the beach while surfing. This is enforceable activity to monitor and social distancing can easily be maintained.

At the least, beach closures should be amended to include specific times for closure to allow access.

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Subject *
beach closure

Comments * (?)
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not a public comment, just an idea. Melbourne, Florida, beaches are closed from 10am-4pm. If Galveston instituted similar restrictions, I think it would discourage the day trippers and open up the beaches to residents to walk, etc, since it wouldn't be prime beach time. Is that an option?

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Subject *
Beach Access

Comments * (?)
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Please consider opening beaches for walking, running, bike riding for residents/property owners in the City of Galveston. Thank you.

City of Galveston

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Subject *
Organized normalcies

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Is it reasonably possible to manage access to beach areas to residents of the Island? If zones were identified within the city, say for example, residents living in the area of 59th thru 53rd between Broadway and Seawall can enter through an established access point and go to a pre-designated space at a pre-designated time/day? Continuing the process throughout the neighborhoods on the island. I can see how this can work if our residents would work together to stay away from each other.

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Subject *
Locals b4 mainlanders

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum
Will y'all consider closing the city to residents only, to keep us safer? Then open our beaches for exercise again?!

City of Galveston

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Subject *
Public Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I would respectfully ask that you open the beaches back up to the public. I understand the concerns about the tourists, but it seems that going to the beach (one of the main reasons we live on the island) is a healthy way to get exercise and sunshine, fresh air and a dose of normalcy. The beach is a wide open space and people can keep their distances from each other without an outright ban. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Subject *
Beach Closure

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I feel that you could accomplish most of what you are trying to do with the beach closure by just closing parking on the Seawall and limiting other public parking to 15 minutes in the downtown area. I am looking for a way that residents can continue to enjoy being outside.

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Subject *
Agenda Items

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please allow the beaches to reopen! We severely need to get fresh air and sunshine and we are so fortunate to have the beach here! You can still limit gatherings to whatever # of people you choose. Please allow vacation rentals to remain open! We need them desperately to support our local restaurants and stores.They employ a large number of people who live on the island.You could limit them to immediate families. Doing this will ensure Galveston remains a top destination in the future!

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Subject *
Beaches and short term rentals

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Reopen beaches to residents and allow short term rentals of groups below a certain number/who are residents of Texas. A married couple who wants to come down from Houston and spend a weekend at a house, who only stops at the grocery store and then spends the rest of the time at the private residence poses no greater threat to the community than the residents.

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Subject *
COVID 19 Beach Restrictions

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Can you please allow certain activities on the beach (walking, jogging, biking) under controlled conditions (with spouse, friend)?

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Subject *
Beaches closed

Comments * (?)
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I live at Beach access road 36 on FM 3005.
Our beaches were not crowded (INCLUDING SAN LUIS PASS) the day(s) the city closed the beaches. The beach is part of our daily routine here on the West End and most users include solitary or family only. San Luis Pass has been a daily part of my routine for years. Please re-open our beach. We need fresh salty air and the grounding effects of the sand for optimal health.

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Subject *
Beachclosure

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please reconsider the closure of the beaches. The beach allows for healthy walks and fresh air as a relief from being inside all day. Why can enforcement not be on the 6 ft distancing and groups of 3 or more as a violation. Issue the citation to those not following the requirements rather than make everyone suffer.

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Subject *
Closed beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

https://abcnews.go.com/Health/north-carolinas-outer-banks-closed-off-nonresidents-coronavirus/story?id=69648745&fbclid=IwAR2HOflaQhsF6LJHo_oHMtk-I-LfRPj6KIqcuFrgbJFVmJoUXqH6r06aJo8

"Officials in the Outer Banks, along North Carolina's coastline, instituted an emergency policy Tuesday that barred nonresidents from entering due to coronavirus precautions."

The West End, where I live FULL TIME has the lowest populous in the City. My neighborhood has 270 homes and 12 of us live here full time.

City of Galveston

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Subject *
Beach

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Allowing locals to still enjoy the beach would be greatly appreciated. I agree with keeping out people from Houston whatever that's great but there is enough Beach that I can social distance from my neighbor here in Galveston without becoming a problem. Allow the people with a Galveston driver's license to go on the beach. Thanks

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Subject *
Beach Re-opening for Residents

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

While we wholeheartedly support Governor Abbots Physical Distancing Executive order, we ask that you ease or alter the restriction as it relates to our beaches. The restriction was prompted by large groups of visitors not local residents. The vast majority of those visitors are gone and the restricton has accomplished its goal. Meanwhile, most of our coast has very few residents especially West of the Seawall, where there was very sparse beach activity prior to the restriction anyway.

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Subject *
Make an exception to the beach restrictions to allow persons to be able to use the beach for exercising

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

While I understand the importance of closing the beach to large crowds, I would like to see an exception to allow persons to be able to walk or ride bikes on the beach for exercise. In Governor Abbott's executive order to direct all Texans to minimize non-essential; gatherings and enforcing federal social distancing guidelines for COVID-19, his order did not prohibit people from engaging in physical activity like jogging or bicycling.

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Subject *
Beach closure

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I support the city's attention to the threat posed by Covid-19, but there must be a better way than to close the beaches. The Seawall sidewalk is a more dangerous place than the beach due to its very limited width. I suggest an order that focuses on the number of people in groups rather than location . Leave it all open but allow a maximum of two people in a group and perhaps require that their ids prove cohabitation.

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Subject *
Beach exercise

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

I agree but with one exception, I have bad knees and
Lower,back.I NEED TO sitT OFTEN WHILE WALKING! I need my chair.
Also walking dogs on lease,
THANK U FOR YOUR CONSIDERSTION!
Pirates Beach

City of Galveston

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Subject *
Access to beach

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

As a homeowner in the sandhill shoes neighborhood, I would like to express my disappointment in the current restrictions related to beach access. Whilst I am very mindful of the current pandemic and the measures that need to be taken, I would like to propose an alternative. Any homeowner with existing beach access should be allowed access to beach as long as they are not moving more than a half mile from their residence.

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Subject *
Beach closings

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Open beach for exercise only. No fishing, gathering of groups, or swimming. Enforce stringently. Word will get out.

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Subject *
Residents ability to Exercise on Beach

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

First , Thank you all medical and first responders on the front line. Please make sure that we provide resources necessary for them to be safe. I submit these comments to appeal for residents to be able to walk, run and exercise while properly using all social distancing guidelines.

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Subject *
Beach closing

Comments * (?)
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Exercise is essential at this time. There is no reason to stop walking on the beach. As an example, Port Aransas has a policy in place allowing walking and some other activities while still banning driving, camping, group gathering etc.
You are patrolling the beach to prevent all use, why can you not permit walking as an essential activity? It would be easy for deputies to recognize who is just walking and not interacting with anyone else.

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Subject *
Beach Access for Galveston Homeowners

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

While we support the actions of the Mayor and City Council, we ask that you alter the beach ban and ease the restriction as it relates to private subdivision beaches. Homeowners are being deprived of their right to walk the beaches in an effort to ban tourists and those gathering in crowds. There are provisions in the NRC for changing and exceptional circumstances. We urge you to solicit the GLO for an exception to provide an equitable solution for homeowners during this pandemic crisis.

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Subject *
lift restrictions

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I strongly encourage council to lift restrictions for beachfront homeowners to walk on beach. Many of us need to walk for our health. It helps our blood pressure and also our emotional health, particularly now.
I suggest a limit for distance would be acceptable. All walkers would abide by social distancing orders and would wear face mask or bandanas.

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Subject *
Beach Closure

Comments * (?)
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Please consider re opening the beaches to walkers and biking for single person exercising.
Barbara

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Subject *
Beach Closure

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum
Please consider solo excercise on the beach.

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Subject *
Beach outings

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

I'm a mental health therapist, and we need exercise outdoors to help us cope with what we are dealing with currently in the world.
With that said, I encourage families to stay 6 feet apart from other families and masks and or bandanas/coverings are worn over the nose and mouth.

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Subject *
Beach

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Thanks for closing the beach, it was the last good thing about the city that was keeping me here.

Going to be taking my tax dollars elsewhere.

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Subject *
Regarding Restrictions to Exercising/Walking on the Beach.

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Beachfront homeowners should be allowed to walk/bike/exercise at the beach front near their home. As an RN at the TCH Medical Center, I believe it is important for my children and others to get outside and exercise daily by walking " etc" . This can be done safely by following the CDC recommendations of individuals maintaining 6 feet of separation while also wearing Masks/Bandana coverings.

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Subject *
Please let residents use the beaches!

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

We are living in our beach house in Laguna San Luis near Pointe West throughout the COVID-19 outbreak and our only safe place to jog or bike is on the beach. We don't have wide shoulder for bicycle riding along FM-3005. I am more worried about getting hit and killed by a car than my ability to stay 6 feet away from strangers Please allow residents only to use our beaches, we can definitely keep a large radius for social distancing if the day trippers (non-residents) are kept off the beaches.

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Subject *
Order Closing Public Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please open the beaches to physical activity. Exercising is not the same as congregating/lounging on the beach. Self quarantining is essential, but officials should also be concerned with the side effects of quaratining, e.g. anxiety & depression. The beach helps people maintain good health & lift their spirits while still practicing social distancing. Limiting beach activity will also discourage "day trippers". After all, it's a long drive for just a walk. Please look at Brazoria & Nueces Co's

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Subject *
Beaches

Comments * (?)

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Please allow the beaches to be open to residents for the purpose of exercise. I have no where else to run my dog. We do 3-5 miles every day. My son is training for the Navy and has several exercises that are best done on the beach as he prepares. There is no way we should have to stay off of the beach until April 30. This is already challenging enough and to take the only thing away that brings about sanity and physical activity is wrong! We live west end and we will not endanger anyone!

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Subject *
Beach Closure

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

We live in Pirates Beach on the west end and would really love the beach to be reopened if only for limited times and specific activities. I understand that all beaches are public and there are certain rules to follow but these are unprecedented times and we live here because of the beach.

Thank you for your consideration. Blessings!

City of Galveston

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Subject *
We need to open the West End beaches

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Please consider reopening the beaches on the West End (we are in Pirates Beach). The subdivision is filled with people trying to hunker down and stay safe but we need to be able to go to the beach to walk, run or just sit and enjoy the water. As long as we practice social distancing, we will be fine and there is no need to keep our beach closed.

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Subject *
lift restrictions

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

As a Sandhill Shores homeowner, I strongly encourage the council to lift the restrictions so that we can walk on the beach in front of our homes using the CDC guidelines of social distancing & a face mask. As a cardiologist,I see the benefits from walking in patients. Walking allows for relaxation, reduces stress, helps with diabetes, hypertension, and obesity. It can be just as important as medication.

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Subject *
Beach access

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

If beach access regulations are extended, consider modified hours of sunrise to 10:00 am and 5:00 pm to sunset. This will continue to discourage off island visitors while also accomodating residents.

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Subject *
Allowing access on beaches during Covid19 pandemic

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Thank you to the Mayor and Council for efforts to protect Galveston during this crisis.

Good mental & physical health requires some outdoor exercise. Recommend that you permit jogging and walking on public beaches (no sitting or congregating) but requiring social distancing. You could also limit time to one hour for any one person.

Thank you from the West End... Walter.

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Subject *
Open the Beach please

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I would love for the beaches to be open for pedestrian use. It has been our only get out of the house for me and my kids. We understand that we have to keep our distance and crowds down so could we just close them on the weekends? Thank you.

City of Galveston

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Subject *
Beaches

Comments * (?)
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Open beaches to residents only. We would like to be able to a access our beaches in front of our properties. Its not the residents that are not practicing social distances. We as residents of Galveston need our beaches for exercise for ourselves, our animals and meditation.
Thank you

City of Galveston

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Subject *
Beach access

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

The west end beach needs to be open to enable us to take daily exercise.
If you have enough patrol officers to prevent us walking on it you have enough to o ensure adequate social distancing occurs

City of Galveston

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Subject *
Council Meeting Beach Comments

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please open the beach back to pedestrian use. I feel there is some way to have beach access open for individual/family use and fishing (which has been declared a essential activity by Gov Abbott). It was of great morale importance that my family was able to utilize the beach last week during the week. We were the only people at that stairwell and the nearest we were to anyone was a bicycle rider when we were loading up.

Thank you for your public service in these trying times.

City of Galveston

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Subject *
Closing of Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

First of all, I'd like to commend the City for taking action to protect residents. I would like the city to consider allowing access to the beach west of the seawall, while still prohibiting vacation rentals and still blocking vehicle access at beach access points. Leaving these prohibitions in place will serve to limit the number of people on the beach, while allowing residents a welcome break from their homes. Thank You.

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Subject *
Beach Closure Modification

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

I suggest the city council consider intermittent use of our beaches until the virus risks have abated

For example social distance use for a couple or hours morning noon and evening ; dawn to 9am, 11am to 1pm, and 6pm to dusk

This would allow citizens to exercise and sun on the beach while discouraging the large crowds that want to come to spend the day on the beach

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Subject *
Please allow residents to walk on beaches

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Please allow residents on the beaches. This is a primary mode of exercise for our kids and selves, and is safer than taking kids to playgrounds.

City of Galveston

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Subject *
Open beaches

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Please consider allowing walking/exercise on the beaches for residents/homeowners of Galveston.
Can't beaches be closed to tourists but be open to those of us who live here and are needing fresh air as we "stay-at-home"?

City of Galveston

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Subject *
Galveston Beaches

Comments * (?)
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Hello,

Please consider re opening beaches for residents to exercise. Walking on the beach brings peace and can be done safely, mindful of social distancing. I believe that closing the beaches to vehicular traffic was effective and should remain in order to limit gathering on the beaches.

Thank you for your consideration
Danielle Anderson

City of Galveston

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Subject *
Beach Access

Comments * (?)

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Long time resident. Walk dog on beach. Now weaving between others on seawall when could be on expansive beach. About 32 miles of beach. 38 thousand residents could stand six feet apart on beach. Suggestions: Leave 61st and 91st piers closed or set limit. Close beach weekends. Disperse crowds or fine them. Do not let tourist win again and residents lose. And why the hell can people not fish from shore or wade? Better to go to Krogers? Why cannot surf?

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Subject *
Opening beach for locals exercising

Comments * (?)

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Everything was fine until the tourists showed up Sunday - fishermen, surfers and dog walkers had been previously encouraged to get out and get some exercise... please don't throw us under the bus because tourists can't behave... PLEASE allow local individuals to walk their dogs on the beach!! We don't want to party or set up camp or gather in groups. I will gladly carry ID to prove residency. Do the right thing and stand up for locals' right to beach access - it's what's keeping us sane. thx

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Subject *
Fishing / Surfing restrictions

Comments * (?)
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BOI. Graduate BHS 1974. Ball HS teacher 20 plus years. Fishing beach since 11 years old. Love Mayor Yarborough. Wish was running again. But. Restrictions dumb for local fisherman, surfers, walkers. I can easily catch enough fish from shore or wading (especially this time of year) to feed my family and others in neighborhood as have done for years, Better we go to Krogers? Walkers are now bunched on seawall as opposed to open beach. Close beach weekends. Disperse crowds. Tourist win, we lose.

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Subject *
Beach closure

Comments * (?)
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We just like to go for walks on the beach and now we can't even do that. We're following the stay at home and social distancing guidelines, but the beach is like our park. I understand the need to not be in large groups but most of us were not doing that. The officers are policing the beaches right now. How about ticketing the large groups and letting the rest of us do what we were doing and not spreading the virus.

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Subject *
Local exercise

Comments * (?)
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This is our only form of release and exercises. Understanding outsider restriction but with our full time residence here, it's necessary. Thanks for your understanding ...

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Subject *
Beach closures

Comments * (?)

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As much as I agree with people needing to shelter in place, those here in Pirates beach use the beach to walk our dogs, exercise, get some fresh air. Could we Please Reconsider the full restriction by giving some flexibility for exercise limiting sitting or sunbathing. My husband is in medical field and rest of our family is here to minimize any COVID19 Spread in case husband comes in contact at hospital so would be beneficial for our family Here. Thank you.

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Subject *
Please reconsider right to utilize beach for safe activity

Comments * (?)

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We are homeowners in pirates beach and had been (before Sunday) enjoying with our one child the beach during this stay home work safe time. We set up a couple of chairs and walk on the beach, allow her to swim, surf, play in the sand, and have not violated one single cdc guideline or city order in doing so. These are such incredibly stressful times and the beach as an outlet is no different than the parks and bayous that the rest of Houston is utilizing while following guidelines as well.

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Subject *
Walking/playing on the beach

Comments * (?)

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Our backyard IS the beach. We have a walkway up to the first dune which the POA owns.
I believe that the City's ban of the beach is unreasonable and deprives beach front residents the right to exercise and for their children to play. Police can and should limit the number of automobiles at the Access Points. However, there have been too many instances of the Galveston police stopping solo or couples and threatening steep fines for being on the beach. The City needs to focus on groups!

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Subject *
Beach exercise

Comments * (?)

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Can you possibly think about beach access. My dogs and family like the solace of getting a break and feeling the sea air on our face. We are all working from home heads down all day and welcome the break. Pls consider allowing residents to visit beach for short walks

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Subject *
Closing the beaches to Galveston property owners

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Neighbors on my street in Pirate beach were respecting the 6 feet mandate. We were getting use to communicating from our balconies. Waving to are neighbors as we took our morning walks on the beach. No one on our street were renting out their homes. Our beach house was a place of refuge. The beach is extremely therapeutic during a time like this. We were getting use to are new normal. Request that we should be able to show proof of ownership of our property. Residents/property owners are vested.

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Subject *
Beach Restrictions

Comments * (?)
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Please consider the value of Beach walking to the mental and physical health of the residents of Galveston.

Please take a more measured reaction to the virus by allowing a time for solo or couples walking on the beach from say 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. everyday. Also solo fishing could be allowed during same time slot.

You can do this without infringing the Open Beaches act

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Subject *
Beaches

Comments * (?)
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Please allow residents to walk the beaches for health, both mental and physical. Maybe a maximum of 2 with ID showing their Galveston address. At minimum one person and their pet(s).

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Subject *
Walking Only Beach Access For Residents

Comments * (?)

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We are full time voting Galveston residents. As the quarantine period began, we both realized that walking on the beach is the main way to keep our sanity. This has been a very, very tough week because of the beach closures. Please let West End full time residents walk on our beaches. Vehicle traffic could continue to be banned. Thank you! Jan and Milt Brock

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Subject *
Beach openings

Comments * (?)

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Please leave beach open to foot access for owners who live nearby. I am a diabetic and on dialysis and have to walk for health reasons. I need access to walk the beaches daily. Please consider allowing foot traffic for residents. Thank you!

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Subject *
Fishing piers and Beach

Comments * (?)

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Please consider reopening the two commercial fishing piers to anglers, as well as considering making bait camps Essential Services. Fishermen rely on the low price of the fish they catch for feeding their families. Fishermen routinely space themselves apart as they fish, and there is always a breeze that can help carry away the virus.
As for the beaches, would you please open the beaches for limited hours early in the day so we may exercise in the open? Thank you!

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Subject *
Beach Closure

Comments * (?)

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Thank you, mayor, for your leadership during these unusual times. A big thank you to all of our first responders, health care workers, city staff, delivery people, grocery & pharmacy workers and all the essential people continuing to provide services and products. I am requesting you amend your orders for the beach closure west of the seawall to allow walking, running and bike riding on the beach. It is a fact that a beach walk soothes your soul. Shop local! Stay safe, home and healthy! Prayers!

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Subject *
Beach Closure

Comments * (?)

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I appreciate and commend our city leaders for all efforts to reduce number of people, tourist, visitors to the Island. I live in a small community - Isla del Sol and observe people respecting social distancing and the beach order for no traffic. Could the council consider other measures for beach access, such as no auto (golf carts, cars, trucks, etc) at the beach accesses or on the beach. Foot traffic permitted with social distancing, but no sitting or congregating. Beach walk is healthy.

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Subject *
Beach Closure

Comments * (?)
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The topic of allowing "solitary" beach-goers was mentioned. I support this. The majority of beach-goers that I've seen over the past 2 weeks - before the shutdown - were people walking by themselves or as a couple; very few in groups bigger than 2. (Babe's beach area - from 61st to 91st Street beach.)

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Subject *
today's council meeting

Comments * (?)
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PLEASE allow pedestrian traffic on the beaches. We need outdoor space and there is plenty of room for people to practice social distancing. Thank you

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Subject *
Beach Closure through 4/32020

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Please consider relaxing code to allow (1) Only access beach for limited activity as an individual (1) or couple (2) from same family, for purpose of walking, running, bile riding or exercise (Yoga)...(2) Dogs only permitted on beach with individual or couple IF on a leash.

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Subject *
Beach closures

Comments * (?)

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While I certainly understand the need to deter day trippers from coming onto the island and congregating on our beaches, I do believe there is a compromise position where you could forbid sitting, standing, swimming on the beach and only permit in motion exercise like walking, running, or bike riding. On the West end, many of us don't have street areas to walk and are only outdoor resource is the wide open beaches. Please consider leaving beaches open for in motion exercise only.

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Subject *
Beaches Closure

Comments * (?)
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Dear City Council,

I am asking that ordinance be revised to allow Galveston residents to walk on the beach. I understand the need to not allow short term rentals at this time but why take away the mental health benefits of walking on the beach? Maybe you could not allow along the seawall where there is amply parking for people driving from far but what about allowing for owners/residents further west?

Kind Regards and Well Wishes,

Laura Hall

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Subject *
Please open the Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Galveston should reopen the beaches and enforce social distancing. It's medically safer to be on a beach than inside Walmart, home depot, etc. There is no medical evidence to support that rates of Covid-19 decrease if you close the beach. The orders to close beaches are contrary to the state of Texas' orders. The argument for closing the beaches is to prevent visitors from coming to the island, which is unconstitutional per the 14th amendment. Please reopen the beaches.

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Subject *
beach and fishing closure

Comments * (?)
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I want the city to open the beaches and fishing piers. They pose minimal hazards. Even fishermen who are close to each other are 6 ft apart - leaving room for casting and hauling in lines. In addition, the breezes are strong along the shore and the sunlight is a good antiviral agent. Similarly, our beaches allow family groups to be 6 ft from each other, and families are seldom closer than that. So minimal hazard is posed to residents.

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Subject *
Beach closures

Comments * (?)
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Please consider allowing walking, running and biking on the beaches before 10 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. for groups no larger than 4. Even if this could just be weekdays it would be appreciated. I agree that no sitting on the beach should be allowed at this time since large groups take advantage of the situation. I am a Pirates beach homeowner. Thank you!

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Subject *
Council Meeting 4-3-20

Comments * (?)
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Thank you all for your leadership during these trying times.

I would like to request beach access be allowed between 7 am - 10 am and from 5pm - 8pm each day or whatever hours work best for the police & beach patrol teams.

Also that Golf Courses be allowed to provide recreational options for citizens of course with social distancing guidelines

Please review orders again mid April so we can consider any changes that need to be made (hopefully for the better). Thanks again!

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Subject *
Reopen Hotels/Rentals/Beaches

Comments * (?)

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The city is going to put all of the short term rentals out of business and will have an exponential loss of tax revenue. The service industry is laid off. Entire support populations such as plumbers, HVAC, housekeeping, lawn services that are essentially out of business right now. The Galveston economy depends on all of those people and right now they're all laid off. Also open the beach, you get COVID-19 at Walmart, not the beach. Hotel/Beach closures are not in line with CDC guidelines.

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Subject *
Galveston Country Club

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I am a member of the Galveston Country Club, and have continued to play golf during this pandemic. I'm am also a physician who takes this pandemic quite seriously.
Myself and all the individuals I have seen at the Country Club have strictly followed all rules regarding the pandemic. Management has been very serious about enforcing the rules and ensuring the health of the members.
I request the Galveston Country Club golf course be reopened for play under the strict health guidelines as before.

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Subject *
Golf courses

Comments * (?)
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Please ease the restrictions on our golf courses. We are properly adhering to social distancing guidelines.
Thanks

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Subject *
Gal. CC - golf

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Please reopen the gcc golf for its members. The staff have done an excellent job of protecting us with extreme sanitary procedures. Golf is the only outdoor activity most of us have. The mayor and each council person are doing an excellent job under very difficult times. I don!t envy your job. God bless you.

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Subject *
Golf Course Closure

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I witnessed the abrupt closure of Galveston CC's golf course by Marshalls Stroud and Pope. Reasons cited were 1) members eating in the Club and 2) golfers not practicing social distancing. The first accusation is untrue. The Club's video footage (which is still available) proves this. As for distancing, the rules in place had been approved by other Marshalls. If the rule changes to only allow 1 person on a green/tee box at a time, then clarify that and re-open the golf course. Thank you.

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Subject *
Reopening the golf course at Galveston Country Club

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Being able to be outside while observing social distancing and other appropriate safeguards is very mentally and physically positive during these very difficult times. The reopening of the golf course at Galveston Country Club for the use of its members would be greatly appreciated. During the previous weeks, I observed members using safe social distancing, players did not share carts, sanitary equipment prevented balls from going into flag hole, each player had their own water, etc.

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Subject *
Galveston Country Club Golf Course

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I would ask that you consider reopening the GCC golf course. We felt like we were in compliance with the guidelines that we had submitted to you. We will continue play for members only, single cart riders and practice social distancing. Outdoor recreation is vital for good physical and mental wellbeing. Golf, under these guidelines, meets that desired result. Thank you for your consideration.
Bob Senter
President
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Galveston Country Club

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Subject *
Golf course closing

Comments * (?)
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To be able to
Do any activity outside is a wonderful way to try and to cope with this crazy time . Golf is a great way do this .if we follow the rules and we do , I would certainly ask that allow the Galveston Country Club to reopen and give up a way to cope .thanks

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Subject *
Golf courses

Comments * (?)
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I would greatly appreciate your consideration to reopen Galveston golf courses. The Galveston Country club has made every effort to conform with all the regulations imposed. It is necessary for people to be outside and exercise. Golf is one of those games that can be enjoyed and conform to all regulations. Thank you, JW Little

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Subject *
Golf Courses

Comments * (?)
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I believe with the correct measures in place the Golf Course is one of the safest social distancing outdoor activities you can practice. One person to a cart, no raking, not divot fixing, no flag pulling, no one in the club house. As long as the Golf Course sanitizes the cart between players there is minimal risk to the golfers. Golf etiquette is to stay way more than six feet when a golfer is executing his swing or put. Please consider the facts when making your decision. Harris County is open.

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Subject *
Golf courses should be permitted to allow play with reasonable restrictions

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Golf is an outdoor activity that is enjoyed by 5 people or fewer in a socially distanced environment. Golf courses should be permitted to allow play during the pandemic with the following restrictions:

1. No golf carts.
2. No golf course provided trolleys or pull carts.
3. No rakes for sand bunkers.
5. No golf ball washers.
6. Leave the flag in the hole.
7. No driving range or practice green.

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Subject *
Golf and exercise

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I believe that golf should be allowed with correct social distancing and perhaps walking with push cart only as a form of exercise. I also believe that jogging on beach and surfing with correct social distancing should also be allowed. Creates no community danger/public safety as both are outside and can be managed appropriately with a social distancing order. No congregating, no groups, complies completely to both golf and exercise/surfing.

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Subject *
Galveston Country Club

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Good Afternoon,
I am Knute Lund, GM for Galveston Country Club.
Please consider keeping our golf course open during this stressful time.
We have Adhered to the Order by both City and County.
In addition to previous restrictions we could dispense with our beverage cart service on course. Keep driving range closed. Only 1 employee in the Golf Shop. A course marshall is monitoring all players for social distancing.
Thank you for all you do.

City of Galveston

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Subject *
Beaches/Social Distancing

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Continue to keep the beaches closed with enforcement by the City as necessary. Social distancing it appears my need to be more rigidly enforced in some neighborhoods where citizens continue to gather outside for sports & activities that are not solitary pursuits.

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Subject *
Closed Galveston beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I agree that the closure of the beaches is appropriate at this time. The argument to allow only residents on the beaches does not make sense. There is no reason to believe that residents as a whole would practice social distancing any more carefully than non residents.These are very trying and terrifying times. The quicker we all abide by the rules the sooner the quarantine will end.

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Subject *
Special Session

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I applaud the Mayor for closing the beaches. As much as I love walking on the beaches with my pups, if the rule was relaxed for residents of Galveston, it would be difficult to enforce. Thank you to the Mayor and City Council for taking this public safety measure!

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Subject *
Beach closure

Comments * (?)
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If the beaches are closed then this needs to be enforced. I live beach front and every day I watch dozens of people walking on the beach. It is frustrating for those of us who are following the rules that others are breaking these rules because of lack of enforcement.

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Subject *
Violation of beach access restriction

Comments * (?)

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I am a Jamaica Beach resident. I am pleased to note that the community at large is observing the no beach access restrictions. However, from my property's vantage point, I can see that there are daily violations of walkers, runners and bicyclists on the beach. I have seen only two official cars monitoring the beach since the restriction was implemented. Neither remained on the beach form more than ten minutes.

Is the City OK with the current West Beach usage patterns?

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Subject *
Comment for Today's Meeting

Comments * (?)

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Please keep the beach closed, and if need be close the seawall too. I believe the out of owners will come down and walk the seawall just to get out of their houses. Last Saturday my husband and I took a walk
Just as we had all week. There were so many people and no one would social distance. I even saw a man urinating by the steps on 65th street while his wife looked on.
Thanks for all your hard work, and we support any decisions you make. We need to keep these folks off the Island.

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Subject *
Street lights

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Galveston Island it's such a beautiful quaint coastal town; however, I often have difficulty seeing the beauty at night with the lack of lights. The neighborhoods are poorly lit. The Seawall and Broadway are far too dark for safety. As a resident, my request is to have more lights around our beautiful palm trees that line the seawall and Broadway street and repair the inoperable street lights along the avenues please.

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Subject *
Street upkeep

Comments * (?)
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As the raising of 3005 is occurring, our street is several feet below the new level of 3005. What is the city doing to create better drainage on Las Palmas to compensate for the increase flooding? What is the city doing to make a smooth transition to drive from Las Palmas, up to 3005?
Respectfully
Thank you
Rebecca King

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Subject *
Dump Trucks speeding down 53rd St

Comments * (?)
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There have been many dump trucks, and occasionally a large 18 wheeler hauler coming up and down 53rd street. Always empty. Some of them speed and reading their phones while driving. They turn right on Seawall Blvd,, and when coming from Seawall, they turn left on 53rd.

Why can't these trucks be advised to take 61st street??? It would certainly be quieter for the residents, and much safer since they would not be speeding on 53rd.

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Subject *
Exception to Short-Term Rental Order

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please consider this exception to any order mandating closure of short-term rental facilities. Visitors who reserve or occupy short-term rentals before the order is in effect should not be asked to vacate the premises before the end of their leases. Vacating the premises immediately may not be feasible for our visitors.

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Subject *
Short term rentals

Comments * (?)

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Why are short term rentals still being listed as available for rent on websites?. I have checked STROAG, VRBO, and AIRBNB. There are no restrictions or notices on the websites for rental properties to state the beaches are closed and rentals are not available at this time. The property owners should at least restrict the availability of properties and tell potential renters Galveston is not open for tourists.

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Subject *
Short term rentals and tourist industry

Comments * (?)
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This is not a time for politics and parties, shut it all down and let's get thru this. They can apply for loans like everyone else if they weren't prepared. I am sick and tired of bailing out the rich. If they over extended, tough, time to grow up and reap the rewards of your greed.

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Subject *
Galveston Professional Boatmen's Association Exemption Request

Comments * (?)

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The Galveston Professional Boatmen's Association strongly urges the mayor and city council to grant our request to be exempted from the City's closure order applied to charter boat operations as referenced in our letter dated 30 March, 2020. This letter was sent to the Mayor via email and a hard copy was also mailed certified return receipt the the Mayor's office on the same date.

Respectfully submitted,
GPBA

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Subject *
CoVid-19 and City Orders of Mandate

Comments * (?)

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I support the Mayor 100% in the continuation of Stay at Home and Orders of Mandate dated March 27th to at least April 30, 2020. I also wish to make a public apology to the Mayor for words said in the heat of frustration. We all take our responsibilities serious in working together for the health ans safety of Galveston and I commend the City on the steps taken.

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Subject *
Restrictions

Comments * (?)
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To the Honorable Jim Yarborough and the esteemed members of the Galveston City Council,

You have the unenviable task of asking the citizens of Galveston to be selfless and think of the community as a whole. So far we have only 15 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the city. You guys are fighting a great battle. Keep up the good work and let's all stick together and win this war.

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Subject *
Thank you!

Comments * (?)
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Thank you City Council, Mayor Yarbrough, and all City Staff for working so hard during these challenging times, and keeping the best interests of everyone at heart. These aren't easy times to navigate, but many (the silent majority) are supportive and grateful for your efforts!

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Subject *
Praise for Galveston Leadership

Comments * (?)

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500 words are not enough to express the appreciation to the Mayor, City Council and all city employees for maintaining the integrity, transparency and leadership of our fine city. Also to all those that continue to work and serve us so well in such a difficult time. Thank you to all the charitable organizations for coping with an onslaught of needs and services of so many. Lastly, a big shout out to all residents of Galveston, thank you for standing together against this pandemic. Thanks to all.

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Subject *
Continue to Practice Leadership and Good Judgement

Comments * (?)

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Thank you for exercising leadership and good judgement during this crisis. Please continue to invoke and enforce rules that require social distancing and safe practices during these dangerous times. We support you and pray for your good health and safety as you work to lead Galveston

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Subject *
Actions

Comments * (?)
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I know these are hard decisions all of you are making but I just wanted to extend my thanks for all that you do in helping keep my family and myself safe.

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Subject *
Comment on Mayor/Council

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

This is just a reminder that you're making unconstitutional decisions. All businesses are essential, and you're closing public places. Shame on you.

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Subject *
Treat covid 19 problem very very seriously

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Keep stay-at-home orders in place at least through April 30th as per federal guidelines.
Set up checkpoints to keep non-residents off the island. Entry points are state owned, but surely we can do something.
Consider a midnight curfew. Few have legit reasons to be walking or biking around late at night now.
Most of all don't sacrifice people's health just to get the tourist trade up and running too soon. Sure businesses are hurting but dead people can't make or spend money.

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Subject *
Limiting tourist

Comments * (?)
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I work at a hotel on the island, I'm just answering phone calls due to the closure. Most phone calls regard tourist asking when they can come to the island, when we will be open, and remarks about having to get out of the house. I know as soon as hotels and the beach open we will receive a influx of tourist. I don't think it's time to open things up yet, for the locals safety.

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Subject *
Business Closure

Comments * (?)
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Given how few Covid cases there are in TX and the low rate of new cases; isn't it time to reopen some of the local businesses to reduce the severe economic impact and mass unemployment caused by these closures.

Surely we can implement rules like: reservation only, table seating at least 6' from the nearest occupied table, etc and get back to some limited activity sooner rather than later. Otherwise people are going to be so hopelessly behind on their bills that they will never catch up.

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Subject *
Lack of concern

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

With the horrible situation dealing with Covid-19 it is terrible to see so many people out. It doesn't seem we are taking this virus seriously. Many stores and services that are not truly essential are remaining open. We all need to do our part to get through this. If you don't stress that people should stay home, they won't...

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Subject *
Face coverings

Comments * (?)

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Scientists are figuring out more about how the Coronavirus spreads and respiratory droplets are key. Will the council consider encouraging residents to wear face coverings to reduce the spread of the virus? This isn't necessarily medical grade masks (which should be reserved for health care providers), but any face coverings to prevent the sharing of respiratory droplets. In other words, the point isn't to prevent getting the virus but stopping spread.This is only effective if everyone does it.

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Subject *
Homeless Persons During COVID-19

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I work in Homeless Services at the Gulf Coast Center, and we are wondering what the plan is for our unsheltered homeless population in regards to self-isolation and quarantine? I have heard from other cities like Dallas/Fort Worth using shipping containers as self-quarantine units, and Lubbock using motel/hotel rooms. Our program is looking to collaborate with the community to make a plan and would love the involvement of the City of Galveston!

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Subject *
Testing

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum
Why isn't drive-thru testing available to all Galveston residents? We have no idea what real numbers are until more people are tested.

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Subject *
FREE public testing centers.

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I am wondering when and where are local free testing centers for the residents of the island? With a "STAY-AT-HOME" order in place. DOES NOT make sense for residents to LEAVE island to be tested else where. So dates and locations of centers would be appreciated MUCH.

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Subject *
Testing sites for Covid-19

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Have sites been testing sites established on GALVESTON ISLAND?
What is the phone number to request testing if I have Covid symptoms?
If sites are available will they be using the latest UTNB developed tests?
Thank you

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Subject *
Public glove distribution

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Greeting! Thank you for keeping our concerns at the Forefront. I've been home for three weeks I totally get it but there are a lot of people still out on the streets. They may be allowed to by definition, but they're all doing personal errands and pretty much going anywhere they want to with abandon. My question is, why hasn't one pair of latex gloves bee given to every single resident of Galveston VIA mail? The second part of that is I understand these people are out but why are they not made t

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Subject *
At home deaths

Comments * (?)
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Any test done on those souls that die at home or on the street along with their contacts for the virus ? As a retired mortician , I feel it is mportant that at lEAST a record of those family members / associates in attendance be aquired. Major area where shedding the virus may have taken place. Funeral homes must be asked to step up in this effort in asking those contacts if they have any symptoms prior to first call pick ups and relay any concerns to health officials.

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Subject *
How long are these shutdowns going on

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

How long are these shutdowns going on people are hurting businesses are hurting this really needs to come to a stop there has been alot more burglaries because of this please tell me when we will get back to normal.

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Subject *
Residence and buisness that still operation hours under quarratined

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

There a time of buisness opening and closing during reg buisness hours during Quarratine #2,?there still homless people men panhanling,not picked antaken to a Quarantined area or something. I have reported this to police non emergency spoke to various GPD Staff on transit People living in behind dumpster and bum and stealing my property in my yard sence 2018, Crime low because of me I appreciate My Family Historical Island safety and will continue, I am i45 Abducted Surviver sence1986,I lived2c

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Subject *
Parking

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Requesting free Parking for Downtown city streets and Seawall Blvd. Until we are all back to work!
Thank You Jim Nonus