



## Town of Wrightsville Beach

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**PRESS RELEASE: For Immediate Release      CONTACT: Tim Owens, Town Manager  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 20, 2020**

### **Town of Wrightsville Beach Response to COVID-19**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Wrightsville Beach have declared a State of Emergency for Wrightsville Beach. This order is in effect until March 31, 2020 or until otherwise lifted or extended.

Effective immediately, the oceanfront beach strand and soundside beaches of Wrightsville Beach have been closed to residents and visitors. All Town restroom facilities will be closed.

Residents and visitors are asked to refrain from using Town parks and other public spaces.

At this time, residents and visitors will still be able to enter and leave the Town without going through a checkpoint and displaying a Tax Decal (re-entry pass).

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**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina**

**WHEREAS**, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Governor Cooper declared a State of Emergency to ensure that North Carolina was prepared and responding to the COVID-19 Virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a National State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the above-described COVID-19 Pandemic, we have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or could cause, widespread or severe dangers for the safety of the public and the Town of Wrightsville Beach is taking preemptive measures to reduce the impacts of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein are necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the corporate jurisdiction of the Town of Wrightsville Beach. The Beach Strand of Wrightsville Beach is closed to the public and all restroom facilities of the Town will be closed. Residents and visitors are encouraged to follow the advice of public health officials with regard to social distancing and proper sanitation techniques.

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be the Town's entire corporate jurisdiction.

**Section 3.** I hereby order all Town of Wrightsville Beach law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Town of Wrightsville Beach Emergency Operations Plan.

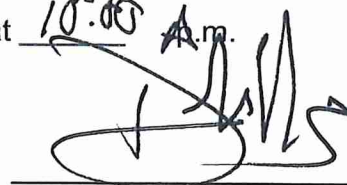
**Section 4.** I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with the Clerk to the Board of Aldermen and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

**Section 5.** This declaration shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until March 31, 2020 or at such time it is lifted or extended.

DECLARED this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

  
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Sylvia J. Holleman, Town Clerk

  
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F. Darryl Mills, Mayor