



PRESS RELEASE



OFFICE OF MAYOR DUANE PARRY

City of Michigan City

WASHINGTON PARK CLOSURE

As the City navigates through the unprecedented developments in the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor is closely monitoring the situation. His first concern is for the health and safety of all residents. On Wednesday evening, LaPorte County Health Department, along with the LaPorte County Commissioners, passed a mandate requiring facemasks for all of LaPorte County including outdoor public areas where a distance of six feet from others cannot be maintained.

Due to this order and the recent spikes in COVID-19 cases, deaths, and the huge influx of out of state visitors to Washington Park, Mayor Parry has issued an Executive Order closing all of Washington Park. The closure includes the zoo, Senior Center, Sunset Grille, and all City beaches from Washington Park to Stop 13, effective Friday, July 17, 2020 at 12:01 am, through midnight on Thursday, July 23, 2020. There should be no traffic, (vehicular, pedestrian, motorcyclist, and bicyclist traffic, or otherwise) through Washington Park and the closed parking facilities.

This closure will undoubtedly cause inconveniences and disruptions to those who visit, utilize our beachfront, zoo, and park however the City is committed under these trying conditions to take precautionary and necessary measures intended to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus locally.

This order remains subject to further extension by the City Council after seven days if they believe the circumstances so warrant. We will continue to keep you apprised of information as we learn it, including any action taken on the local and state level to help guide our City through these tough times.