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VEHICLE BEACH ACCESS WEEKEND CLOSURES CONTINUE

Clatsop County will again close vehicle access to north-county beaches during the upcoming two weekends.

Gates at the county-owned beach entrances at Sunset Beach and Del Rey Beach will be closed the weekends of April 18-19 and April 25-26. The closures will begin Friday evening and end the following Monday morning. The entrances will be open to vehicles Monday to Friday.

Beaches north of the Necanicum River remain open to walkers. All beach users must observe social-distancing guidelines.

While county officials have elected to allow regulated public access to these beaches, they and leaders from the cities of Astoria, Cannon Beach, Gearhart, Seaside and Warrenton strongly urge Oregon and Washington residents to follow Gov. Kate Brown's March 23 stay-at-home order and pursue recreation only in their own communities. Large numbers of visitors crowding beaches and beach towns will result in further restrictions on public beach use.

The public is also asked to respect closures at other public sites. Fort Stevens and Ecola state parks are closed, as are state-managed parking lots and beach accesses. The beach at Seaside is closed to all users. The beach access road in Gearhart is closed.

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