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## TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Effective today, March 19, 2020, Mayor A.B. "Trace" Cooper, III has issued the attached State of Emergency and Declaration Enumerating Certain Prohibitions & Restrictions Imposed During a State of Emergency for the Town of Atlantic Beach.

Town Manager David Walker states, "The Town of Atlantic Beach is partnering with the appropriate federal, state, county, and local officials to reduce the possible community spread of COVID-19. In alignment with Carteret County, the Town of Atlantic Beach discourages travel to the coast at this time."

Atlantic Beach officials call on all citizens and businesses to voluntarily follow the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS):

- Reduce the risk of person-to-person transmission by practicing social distancing measures which decrease the frequency of contact and increase physical distance between persons.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available.
- Individuals who are sick should always cover their coughs and sneezes using a tissue or the crook of their elbow.
- Individuals who are sick should stay home.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

For more information on COVID-19, including symptoms and treatment, the Town urges citizens to reference and use the following credible sources:

- COVID-19 Information Call In Line at the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS): 866-462-3821 or the Coronavirus Response in North Carolina (NCDHHS): <http://ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <http://coronavirus.gov>

The Town of Atlantic Beach continues to maintain a continuity of operations. Town officials will continuously monitor the COVID-19 situation and provide updates to the public and media via our website [www.atlanticbeach-nc.com](http://www.atlanticbeach-nc.com) and social media sites. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and understanding during these challenging times.

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