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## Protocol Regarding the Ottawa Metro Park Beach Operation for Summer, 2020

COVID-19 has disrupted operations for nearly every business in the nation, including standard operating procedures for the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District.

While the parks have remained open for citizens' use since the outbreak of COVID-19, all places of visitor congregation within the parks have been closed following orders of the State of Ohio. This includes our shelters, playgrounds, campground, etc.

The beach at the Ottawa Metro Park will not open for the 2020 season due to the following:

- Lifeguards are typically interviewed, hired and trained for certification during the late winter/early spring months to be ready to start work in May. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we could not proceed with established procedures,
- It is yet-to-be determined when groups of 10 or more will be allowed to be in close contact.
- By the time lifeguards are hired/certified and other preparations are made at the beach this late in the season, the swim season may be nearly over and it would be financially irresponsible to open.
- Those individuals that have purchased season passes to the beach will be refunded.

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