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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## City of Naples Health Information Update - Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Beach re-opening

Naples, FL (May 11, 2020) – On April 30, 2020, the City of Naples City Council implemented Phase I of the beach re-opening. Due to non-compliance with City regulations, the City decided to close the beaches at 12:01am on Sunday, May 10, 2020, until further notice. Today, City Council met at an Emergency meeting and heard from over a hundred residents and visitors.

City Council decided to re-open the beaches at 7:00am on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 with the following restrictions:

- Regulated visiting hours:
  - Monday Friday, open sunrise to sunset
    - No coolers and tents (chairs and umbrellas allowed)
    - Walking, running, swimming, fishing, and paddle boarding allowed
  - Weekends: 7am 11am
    - Chairs, tents, umbrellas, or coolers prohibited
    - Walking, running, swimming, fishing, and paddle boarding allowed
  - Weekends: 5pm sunset
    - ONLY chairs allowed. (Tents, umbrellas, or coolers prohibited)
  - Memorial Day weekend (Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> through Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> ):
    - 7am 11am
      - Chairs, tents, umbrellas, or coolers prohibited
      - Walking, running, swimming, fishing, and paddle boarding allowed
    - 5pm sunset
      - ONLY chairs allowed. (Tents, umbrellas, or coolers prohibited)
- Parking:
  - City of Naples & Collier County beach parking permits ONLY
  - No hourly beach parking (metered parking)
  - No parking on residential streets unless in properly marked parking areas
  - o Fines will be doubled from \$100 to \$200 with no early discount
  - Illegally parked vehicles will be towed
- Bathrooms will re-open
- Discussion will be revisited at the June 3, 2020 Regular City Council meeting.