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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SUBJECT: **Temporary Closure of Municipal Beach Parking Lots**

Effective immediately, the Town of Falmouth is taking the proactive step of temporarily locking the existing gates on the Town's municipal beach parking lots due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These parking lots have periodically become gathering places for some individuals who are not practicing the necessary social distancing to prevent the spread of this virus. As warmer weather arrives, this unfortunate trend is likely to accelerate with potentially disastrous results.

This is **not** a closure of the Town's public beaches at this time. Those who wish to responsibly walk the public beaches and maintain social distancing will be able to continue doing so but there is no need to park, gather and linger in groups which the parking lots appear to be encouraging. In the spirit of this decision, be advised that any occasions of illegal parking will be strictly enforced by the Police Department.

The Town is continuing to monitor parks, marina, Bikeway and related public locations as well. All are reminded of the serious importance of respecting and maintaining responsible social distancing at all times and avoiding any gatherings of ten persons or more. Should further local actions need to be taken, we are prepared to do so. We thank all residents for their understanding and support of these necessary local actions in the prime interest of protecting the public health.

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