

City of Encinitas Beach Closures

Questions & Answers

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To help control the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the City of Encinitas has closed all City of Encinitas owned and operated beaches, beach access points and beach parking lots until further notice. The cities of San Diego, Del Mar and Solana Beach have also closed their respective city beaches.

This “Q & A” was prepared to help answers questions you may have regarding this closure.

CITY OF ENCINITAS BEACHES

The City of Encinitas owns and/or operates the beaches at Moonlight, Beacons, Grandview, Swami’s, D Street and Stonesteps.

Q: Which beaches are closed in the City of Encinitas?

A: All City owned or operated beaches, beach access points, and beach parking lots are closed.

Q: Can I walk or jog on the beach?

A: Walking or jogging is not allowed at this time on Encinitas owned or operated beaches.

Q: Can I continue to recreate in the ocean?

A: At this time, all access points to the ocean are closed on Encinitas owned or operated beaches to prevent the congregation of people. Entering the ocean is deemed to be a violation of this beach closure.

Q: How will the beach closures be enforced?

A: The City’s Marine Safety Department and San Diego County Sheriff’s Department are informing people of these closures and are asking for voluntary compliance. The City has placed barricades at the parking lots and posted signage about the closure at all beaches and access points. Marine Safety personnel are making announcements at the Moonlight Beach Marine Safety Center and patrolling the beaches to make announcements about the closures.

Q: How long will this closure be in effect?

A: The City of Encinitas will continue to evaluate the closure of these areas as well as the Coronavirus pandemic and provide updates.

STATE OPERATED BEACHES IN ENCINITAS

The State of California Department of Parks and Recreation owns and manages San Elijo and Cardiff State Beaches. Those beaches are currently open. However, the parking lots and campgrounds are closed at this time.