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The Belmar Police Department and Office of Emergency Management have been monitoring hourly, the amount of people using our boardwalk. They have seen a daily increase of visitors, most likely due to nearby shore towns closing their boardwalks.

As the holidays approach and the weather gets warmer, we are likely to see an even greater number of visitors.

Our concerns are for the public safety and health and well being of our residents in these trying times.

Due to these observations and concerns, we have collectively made the decision to close Belmar's boardwalk until further notice.

To aid in the boardwalk closure and to deter access to the boardwalk, angled parking spaces on the east side of Ocean Ave. will be closed to vehicles.

To give our residents a place to be outside and get some fresh air, we are leaving the beach open for now. The beach will be monitored for social distancing adherence.

The beach can be accessed by the opening on 1st Avenue, the cement ramps on 3rd Avenue, 11th Avenue, 20th Avenue and the opening on North Lake Drive.

As directed by the Governor, whether you walk around your neighborhoods or on the beach, please be mindful of social distancing and other safety precautions.

I would like to thank all of our employees and residents for doing their part to keep us all safe and healthy.

Mayor Mark Walsifer