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I trust you all enjoyed your holiday weekend and found a way to connect with friends and family.

The Town of Topsail Beach continues to operate under Governor Cooper's Executive Orders and the Town's State of Emergency Order. I want to thank you for following these requirements. It is now showing that the communities that reacted quickly with social distancing and "stay at home" requirements are seeing fewer cases of COVID-19 and as a result, fewer deaths. Recent information is indicating that COVID-19 is 2 to 2.5 times more infectious than the flu and 6 to 8 times more likely to require hospitalization than the flu. It is now strongly suggested that we wear a mask if we are going to a store or other activity where we will encounter other people. Please continue to wash your hands after any activity.

The Topsail Beach Board is still requesting that all residents and property owners continue to respect and follow the travel restrictions and guidelines per Governor Cooper's Executive Order No. 121. Your cooperation has assisted in keeping the infection rate low for Pender County and Topsail Beach. If you must travel, the CDC and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services recommend you self-quarantine for 14 days if you are traveling from areas with confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Our Town Board of Commissioners will be Meeting on Friday, April 17, 2020 at 11:00 AM to review the current State of Emergency Order. This meeting will be lived streamed for you to view on the Town's website. We will be accepting email comments in advance of the meeting at publiccomments@topsailbeach.org.

The Town of Topsail Beach would like to thank all our citizens, property owners, visitors, business owners and realtors for their cooperation and understanding during this difficult time. We are also especially grateful to our first responders, medical professionals, essential business employees and Topsail Beach Town Employees for their efforts to ensure our community safety and health; as we all work together to defeat COVID-19.

Continue to be safe and healthy.

Thank you, Mayor Steve Smith