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## Northern Beach Curfew

Between early June and early July, 2020, the Toms River Police Department has received a dramatic increase in juvenile complaints in the North Beach area of town. Residents have reported increasing problems with unruly juveniles congregating nightly in violation of the social distancing and face mask restrictions imposed by the governor's executive order, and also committing acts of criminal mischief and other disorderly behavior. Such acts threaten the public health, safety, and welfare of the affected the communities. While we understand these are difficult times and children are frustrated with the lack of open activities, it is not an excuse for misbehavior and disrespect within our community.

We are committed to the safety of all of our residents. Together the Toms River Police Department, Office of Emergency Management, and other Township officials have determined that these incidents warrant the imposition of a limited curfew in the North Beach area upon juveniles. Effective immediately, all persons 17 years of age and under are prohibited to be upon a public street, avenue, boulevard, place, walkway, alley, park, or any public area or unimproved private property located in the North Beach area of the Township between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The North Beach area includes, but is not limited to, Silver Beach, Monterey, Normandy, Chadwick, Ocean Beaches 1, 2 and 3.