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# Press Release

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## July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Covid-19

The Town of Emerald Isle remains under a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to limit the spread of the coronavirus while maintaining essential services, the Town has implemented several operational changes to ensure social and physical distance and limit exposure for our residents and guests.

On May 5th, Governor Roy Cooper modified North Carolina's Stay At Home Executive Order, transitioning the state to Phase 1 of slowly easing COVID-19 restrictions. Social distancing remains a high priority now and in the coming months to prevent the spread of the novel virus Covid-19.

After careful staff review of past crowded conditions of the beach strand and the Bogue Inlet Pier parking area the recommendation to cancel the 2020 July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks was made by staff and approved by the Board of Commissioners.

The health and safety of our residents, guests, employees and contractors remain of utmost importance to the Town of Emerald Isle. Recommended guidelines for operation cannot be maintained currently nor in the foreseeable future for mass gatherings such as the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks.

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