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**MAYOR DE BLASIO ANNOUNCES NEW YORK CITY'S 8 PUBLIC BEACHES WILL
OPEN FOR SWIMMING STARTING JULY 1**

*All beach-goers are reminded to be safe in and around the water this summer, and only swim
when lifeguards are on duty*

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today announced that swimming will be allowed at the city's eight public beaches starting on July 1. Lifeguards will be on duty daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Swimming is unsafe and strictly prohibited at all other times.

"New Yorkers have worked hard to fight back this virus and to put us back on the path to a safe reopening," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "This summer is still unlike any in our history, but now, we will all have the opportunity to cool off and swim at our cherished beaches."

"Our beaches have long been a key component of a traditional New York City summer. While the past few months have been incredibly challenging, we are excited to bring our beaches back for the season," said **NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP**. "We want all New Yorkers to enjoy the surf and sand, but more than ever we want everyone to keep safety first. From being water safe and only swimming when a lifeguard is on duty, to adhering to social distancing guidelines and wearing a face covering; it is important that we are cautious and responsible when we hit the beach this summer."

City beaches span a total of 14 miles and include Orchard Beach in the Bronx; Coney Island and Manhattan Beach in Brooklyn; Rockaway Beach in Queens; and Midland Beach, South Beach, Cedar Grove Beach, and Wolfe's Pond Park Beach on Staten Island. To stay safe, New Yorkers must follow all directions from NYC Parks staff and beach signage.

To encourage social distancing, NYC Parks Ambassadors will continue to staff the beaches, handing out masks and educating patrons about maintaining safe distancing. If certain sections of the beach become too crowded, visitors will be directed to different less crowded areas. All New Yorkers should continue to wash and sanitize their hands, wear a face covering, and maintain distance between individuals and small groups.

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