

Kennedy Summer Day Program cancelled for summer 2020; beach passes available for New Bedford residents

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and based on federal, state and city guidelines, the New Bedford Department of Parks, Recreation & Beaches Kennedy Summer Day Program will be cancelled for the summer of 2020.

Staff from the Department of Parks, Recreation & Beaches will be in contact with those who have already submitted a payment for the 2020 session of the Kennedy Summer Day Program in order to issue full refunds.

The Summer Food Service Program and other family programming will continue to be offered throughout the city in accordance with social distancing and hygiene guidelines.

Beach passes available for New Bedford residents

Mayor Jon Mitchell announced this week that New Bedford's beaches will follow the state's guidelines, reopening May 25 with additional guidelines.

At New Bedford's beaches, only New Bedford residents will be able to purchase a beach pass until further notice. Social distancing measures will be enforced, with no beach volleyball or other organized sports permitted.

Public restrooms at the beach will be closed until further notice.

Beach parking passes will be sold on-site at Fort Taber Park (cash only) and with credit/debit card only at www.nbprb.com, under Register Now, Beach Parking Information.

A pop-up beach parking pass sale will be held on Friday, May 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. outside the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, 181 Hillman Street. Cash, credit/debit cards will be accepted. Masks must be worn and social distancing and hygiene protocols will be observed.