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## **RAVE ALERT: Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken Shares Community Updates**

Hi, this is Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken with some important community updates.

2020 beach parking stickers will be **required** for resident access into Stage Fort Park and beach lots as of Saturday, August 1. Applications are available on the City's website or outside the Warren Street entrance at Gloucester City Hall. Same day processing has been suspended but stickers are now available for in-person pick-up by 2 p.m. the next afternoon. Residents who prefer next day pick up **must** note that on their application otherwise your sticker will be mailed out.

Additional streets have been added to the emergency order that implemented resident-only parking restrictions in and around Stage Fort Park and beach areas. This is currently a temporary and seasonal change as Ward Councilors work towards making permanent ordinance changes. To avoid being ticketed, you will need to display a 2019/2020 beach parking sticker, resident sticker, or display your motor vehicle registration on your dashboard. If you lease a vehicle, display a utility bill showing a Gloucester name and address on your dashboard. Resident stickers are available for \$5 at the Collector's Office at Gloucester City Hall.

This weekend, the parking lots at Good Harbor and Wingaersheek Beaches will be open to residents and a limited number of non-residents, at a reduced capacity. Stage Fort Park will be open to the public. For the remainder of the summer, we will announce any parking restrictions for the coming weekend on the Wednesday prior. Please pay attention to the tide schedule as a late-morning or early-afternoon high tide may require us to limit beach or lot access.

The State is now recommending that communities report "probable" COVID-19 cases, in addition to "confirmed" cases, to provide a more accurate picture of the total number of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases in a community. Probable cases are people that never

received a PCR test, but did receive a positive antibody test suggesting that the person did have COVID-19 at some point in the past.

As of Tuesday, July 21 the status of COVID-19 cases were as follows:

- 301 overall cases (confirmed and probable cases)
- 264 confirmed cases with currently less than five active cases
- 234 recovered
- 37 probable cases
- 26 COVID-19 related deaths.

We must all remain vigilant and continue taking steps to mitigate the spread of the virus to protect each other and our loved ones. There is only one way we will get through this – together. Please continue to wear a mask or face covering when out in public, maintain a safe physical distance of 6 feet from others, wash and sanitize your hands and frequently touched surfaces often, and stay home if you're sick.

Thank you.

#### FACEBOOK MESSAGE

Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken shares Community Updates. The full update will be posted to the City's website under latest news. Visit: <https://gloucester-ma.gov/>.

#### TWITTER MESSAGE

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