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Dear residents and visitors:

There is no higher priority to the Town of Ocean City than the health and safety of the people that live here, work here and vacation here. I can assure you that the Town is closely monitoring updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus) and working closely with our partners at the Worcester County Health Department and the Maryland Department of Health.

Along with carefully monitoring the evolving situation, the Town of Ocean City established an internal preparedness group several weeks ago. This group has been diligently developing pro-active contingency plans for the Town, including putting strategic procedures in place for our employees and our facilities. While there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ocean City or Worcester County, we are taking every measure necessary to enhance our day-to-day practices in the interest of health and safety. Although no events have been canceled at this time, that could change if developing circumstances warrant us to take further action.

As the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 continues to increase, the most important thing we can do right now is take universal precautions to prevent the spread of illness. Everyday preventative measures recommended by the CDC include the following:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched items (door handles) and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

We encourage our residents and visitors to remain calm and stay informed. Know your risks and refer to the Worcester County Health Department, the Maryland Department of Health and the CDC websites -- worchesterhealth.org, health.maryland.gov and CDC.gov -- for the latest information on COVID-19. If you have further questions or concerns, the Town of Ocean City will be posting updated information on www.oceancitymd.gov/covid19. The situation is rapidly changing, but I assure you that the Town of Ocean City is prepared to navigate through these challenging circumstances with our residents' and visitors' health and safety at the forefront.

Sincerely,

Rick Meehan
Mayor

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