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Wildwood Crest Police Department urges calm cooperation during COVID-19 Response.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact daily life, the Wildwood Crest Police Department continues to serve its residents and adjust to the changes. The Department has made some adjustments to staffing and scheduling to limit the impact of any potential exposures within the department while still providing police services at, or in many cases above, normal operating levels for this time of year. The department has also made some adjustments in the ways the officers interact with the public, to protect both the public and the officers. Residents can expect routine screening questions from dispatch, reports taken via telephone for minor offenses or complaints, and requests to step outdoors to speak with officers to adhere to CDC guidance and social distancing recommendations.

All Borough parks and playgrounds, the beach, bike path, and Sunset Lake have been closed to the public to limit access to places that promote social gathering and the possible unintentional spread of infection. These were certainly not easy decisions to make and the police department supports the Borough Commission's efforts to keep everyone safe during this unprecedented time. For the most part, the Borough's residents have complied with the Governor's orders and the additional restrictions imposed within the town. The department has fielded some complaints regarding the closures of public spaces and concerns regarding enforcement of Executive Orders. Our officers have been briefed on how the Governor's orders impact Wildwood Crest and will ensure compliance with those orders and any issued by the governing body. We would like to request your calm cooperation as we provide for the protection of everyone within the Borough and implement the most current public safety measures.

The Department also encourages its residents to be watchful for scams and fraudulent activities during the pandemic. There have been reports in other parts of the State of price gauging, impersonation of government officials, misinformation campaigns, and other scams surrounding the pandemic response. Residents are urged to contact the police department if you learn of any of these activities.

Residents are encouraged to visit the Wildwood Crest Police Department's website and the Borough of Wildwood Crest's website, both of which have pages dedicated to the COVID-19 response. The police department's social media accounts are also updated regularly with very helpful links and informative posts, including those that help deal with the stresses related to the COVID-19 response. We want everyone to have access to the most up-to-date information, so the actions we take and the reasons for taking them are not such a shock or surprise. Everything that is being done throughout the Borough is being done out of care, concern, and an abundance of caution. These next few weeks will potentially see the greatest impact on our county and our town and we urge everyone to be safe and to follow the guidance from the CDC and government officials. This is certainly not an ideal situation, but we will get through this by working together.

Stay home, stay safe, and stay healthy.