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Summit Police Department Enforcing Social Distancing Guidelines

SUMMIT, NJ, March 28, 2020 – The Summit Police Department is taking a lead role in enforcing social distancing guidelines that health officials describe as critical to containing the COVID-19 Coronavirus by dispersing small groups of people on city streets and in public spaces. These enforcement measures are in response to police observation of a lack of compliance by citizens to restrictions issued by the [State of New Jersey](#).

“People are not being discouraged from getting out for a breath of fresh air by themselves, as a couple or with their family,” explains Summit Police Chief Robert Weck. “If we see people in groups or participating in activities like team sports or outdoor gatherings, we are going to ask them to disperse, and if they do not comply, summons may be issued.”

Summit Mayor Nora Radest is considering closing public parks if people do not comply with State of New Jersey density and activity guidelines.

“We have an opportunity to control the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus in our community, and I will do everything possible to reduce the impact on our already over-burdened health care system,” reports Mayor Radest. “This is a time to think beyond what you may want to do and focus on how your actions will impact us all. Please do your part by staying home if you are not an essential worker, and follow social distancing protocols.”

In a March 27, 2020 [news release](#), State of New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal stated: “Staying home and maintaining social distance is not just good advice to stay healthy, it is the law. Make no mistake, we will do what it takes to keep our residents and police officers safe, and that means we will not hesitate to file criminal charges against those who violate the emergency orders.”

Additional information on the COVID-19 Coronavirus is available on the city [website](#).

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