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PRESS RELEASE

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Lakeshore Drive Weekend Access Restrictions

New Orleans, LA – Lakeshore Drive will be closed to vehicle traffic between Seabrook and Canal Boulevard from Friday, June 26th at 6:00 PM through Monday, June 29th at 5:00 AM. The roadway will be open to pedestrians and bicyclists. Lakefront residents will be allowed to pass as needed for access to their homes, and boaters will be allowed to pass through to the boat launches. Lakeshore Drive from Canal Boulevard westward to West End Boulevard will remain open, providing access to the Lakefront and restaurants in that area. The restrooms at shelters #2 and #3 will be open to the public.

The Louisiana Department of Health reports 1,356 COVID-19 cases reported to the state since Wednesday, bringing the total to 51,595 cases. Louisiana had the third largest single-week increase in cases last week, beaten only by the first two weeks of April during the upswing. The vast majority (95%) of Wednesday's increase in case growth is tied to community spread. As the threat of the spread of COVID-19 continues, we will continue to prioritize keeping the public safe. When making any decision to close Lakeshore Drive, leadership of the FPA-East evaluates the current facts and data, taking into account input from community leaders and stakeholders, public health and medicine professionals, and state and local

government entities dedicated to public health and safety. We remind those who do visit the Lakefront to observe the CDC's recommendations to wear a mask or face covering in public and maintain social distancing at all times. Please be further aware that the Mayor of the City of New Orleans has mandated the wearing of a mask or face covering when outside the home except during personal recreation outdoors and has dispatched personnel to enforce same throughout the city. We will continue to evaluate restrictions on access to Lakeshore Drive based on public health and safety concerns and will promptly update the public accordingly.

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