

[LCSD strongly appeals to public to avoid visiting temporarily closed beaches \(with photos\)](#)

In view of the critical situation of COVID-19, all gazetted beaches of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) have been temporarily closed since July 15. The LCSD strongly appealed to members of the public today (July 21) to heed the Government's advice to stay at home as much as possible and not to go swimming or sunbathing at closed beaches in order to prevent crowds from gathering and reduce the chances of spreading the virus in the community.

The LCSD will strengthen the cordoning off of beaches to prevent the public from entering. Apart from showering facilities and changing rooms, which have been closed earlier, toilets at beaches are closed with immediate effect. While some beach areas may not be completely blocked off due to terrain constraints, the LCSD urges the public to be considerate and self-disciplined, and not to enter the beaches.

All gazetted beaches under the LCSD were temporarily closed and lifesaving services at the beaches were suspended earlier on due to the latest situation of COVID-19. The public should not visit the closed beaches to avoid accidents.

Staff of the LCSD will step up patrols of the beaches concerned. Appropriate follow-up action will be taken against any violation of the relevant regulations.



