Executive Office of the Mayor

Mayor Bowser Extends Road Closures and Restricts Access to the Tidal Basin

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(WASHINGTON, DC) – As the District continues working to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), Mayor Muriel Bowser is extending road closures and taking additional measures to restrict access to the Tidal Basin. The Mayor has directed the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to work with the DC National Guard to enforce a restricted access zone around the Tidal Basin until further notice to ensure social distancing and prevent further community transmission of COVID-19. Further, pedestrian and bicycle traffic will be restricted in the area of the National Mall. Members of the public will not be able to enter the Jefferson Memorial or the National Mall in the area bounded by 14th Street to 23rd Street and Constitution Avenue to Independence Avenue, SW. Further, pedestrian and bicycle traffic will be restricted in the area of the Tidal Basin.Further, pedestrian and bicycle traffic will be restricted in the area of the Tidal Basin and Jefferson Memorial. Members of the public will not be able to enter the park area south of Independence AvenueFurther, pedestrian and bicycle traffic will be restricted in the area of the Tidal Basin and Jefferson Memorial. Members of the public will not be able to enter the park area south of Independence Avenue,

In coordination with the National Park Service, MPD will continue street closures from 7 am –8 pm at the following locations:

- The Memorial Bridge
- Lincoln Memorial Circle
- Potomac River Freeway (all exits to Ohio Drive and Independence Avenue)
- Rock Creek Parkway/Potomac Parkway Drive between Virginia Avenue and Independence Avenue, SW (to include Ohio Drive, SW)
- Independence Avenue between Ohio Drive and 14th Street, SW
- 23rd Street between Constitution Avenue and Lincoln Memorial Circle
- Henry Bacon Drive between Constitution Avenue and Lincoln Memorial Circle
- 17th Street between Constitution Avenue, NW and Independence Avenue, SW
- 15th Street between Constitution Avenue, NW and Independence Avenue, SW
- Maine Avenue between Independence and 12th Street, SW
- All vehicular exits to East Potomac Park and West Potomac Park

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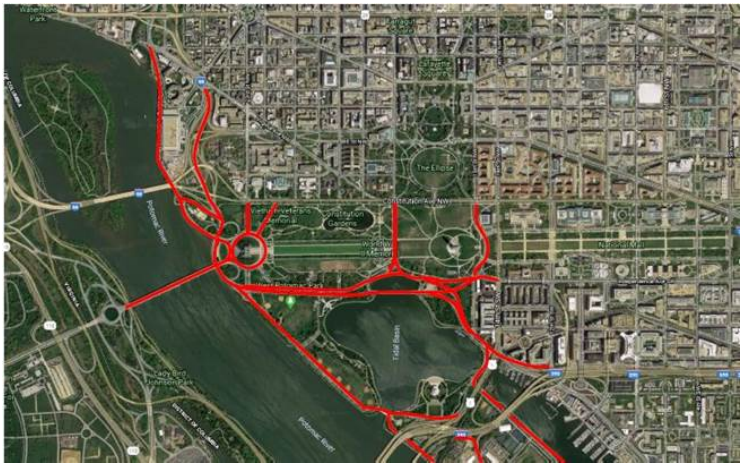

All street closures and listed times are subject to change based upon prevailing or unexpected conditions. Vehicles parked along the streets in violation of the emergency no parking signs will be ticketed and towed.

For the latest information and resources on COVID-19, go to coronavirus.dc.gov.