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# Magens Bay Authority Suspends Beach Admission Fee Until Further Notice in Response to Covid-19

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Magens Bay Authority, operational organization of Magens Bay Beach and Smith Bay Park on Tuesday announced the suspension of admission fee collection on both properties until further notice.

Although Magens Bay Authority has suspended admission fees, the authority said it would like to make it clear that this occurrence is not an invitation to visit the beaches.

This decision came after an emergency board meeting in which the Board and General Manager agreed that adjusting operations was necessary in order to allow staff to stay home during the COVID- 19 outbreak and adhere to the precautionary measures published by the Center for Disease Control, World Health Organization and the Government of the United States Virgin

Islands, the authority said.

As the beaches won't have their usual complement of staff, Magens Bay Authority advised that the public will be swimming at their own risk until further notice.

While normal operations are being suspended temporarily, bathroom facilities will remain open and will continue to be cleaned to assist in preventing the spread of Covid-19, the authority said. Magens Bay Authority also urged those who choose to visit to maintain social distancing guidelines between themselves and other parties, employ other necessary safety precautions, and do their part to maintain the beauty and cleanliness of the facilities.

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