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Monon Greenway Sections and Midtown Plaza Closed

CARMEL, IN – Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard has ordered the closure of a section of the Monon Greenway and Midtown Plaza due to overcrowding, which hinders compliance with social distancing restrictions in place during COVID-19 quarantine. Indiana Code Section 10-14-3-29 allows the mayor to take actions such as this during emergency situations. The portion of the trail between Gradle Drive to the south and Main Street to the north will be closed until further notice. Seating and equipment is being removed from Midtown Plaza to further deter people from gathering there.

“I ask for trail users to please practice social distancing on the remaining 230 miles of trails and paths we have in Carmel so that those can remain open. It is so important to our mental health to get out and enjoy the fresh air, but we must do so responsibly,” said Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard.

“I ask for all citizens to be mindful and diligent as we continue with the quarantine. It is very tempting as the weather improves to stop and gather with friends along the trails, but please use caution and practice social distancing for the benefit of us all. If we can power through the quarantine and level the curve of this terrible outbreak, our city will be able to continue its tradition of excellence for years to come,” said Mayor Brainard.

“The congestion on the Monon Greenway during the warm weather yesterday made it clear that there were many people in violation of those orders. As even warmer weather

approaches, we find this measure necessary to reduce the temptation of people to get together as the quarantine continues,” said Carmel Police Chief Jim Barlow.

Signage is being put in place to indicate the closure and it will be enforced by Carmel Police.