Amid heat, crowded beaches but few masks

By John Hilliard

People sought relief from scorching temperatures and humidity at public beaches and parks across the state Sunday — but even with the continuing threat of the coronavirus pandemic, many chose to skip the advice of health experts and not don masks.

As much of the state sweltered under a heat advisory that is expected to last through Monday, crowds gathered on the shoreline of South Boston’s M Street and Carson beaches. At the M Street Beach early Sunday afternoon, among the throngs seeking escape the summer heat there none could be seen wearing masks, despite warnings that the coronavirus can easily spread among such a large crowd. On Saturday, many hundreds of young people packed the sand also without masks or distancing from one another, which had raised the concerns of some epidemiologists.

Dr. C. Robert Harbergh Jr., a Boston University professor of epidemiology, said it’s discouraging to hear that so many people would not follow the direction of medical experts or of leaders like Governor Charlie Baker, who has mandated masks in situations where distancing isn’t possible. Baker is only asking the public to take reasonable steps to help stop the pandemic, Harbergh said.

"I don’t want to jump on people; I want it to be better than before," he said in a phone interview Sunday. "But I hope that people will think about their fellow Americans and maybe be more careful than they would be just for themselves."
Redskins team name had a forgettable start in Boston

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“Marshall, by all accounts, was a real pain,” Johnson said. “His partners bailed on him after he had asked to leave. It would make no sense to leave [Braves Field],” Johnson said. “He was a real pain,“ Johnson said. “The fact that we have in our own words, a ‘quip’ about leaving.

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