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First Selectman Bans Use of Public Baseball/Softball Fields in Town and Vehicles at Darien High

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Darien High School is shut off to all traffic, other than for COVID-19 testing, "in order to eliminate the public from gathering in a manner that risks the spread of COVID-19 within our community," First Selectman Jayme Stevenson declared in a late Friday afternoon proclamation.

Also, all public baseball and softball fields in town, both those at town parks and schools, along with the batting cages at McGuane Park "are hereby ordered closed," the proclamation states.

The order banning vehicles only applies to Darien High School and is not "applicable to the other schools within the district until it becomes necessary to do so," the proclamation states.

The order takes effect immediately and "shall remain in effect for the duration of the emergency unless

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earlier modified by the Chief Executive Officer," the proclamation said.

"[T]here is a need to eliminate public gatherings at Darien High School and elsewhere so as to eliminate the possible risks of the spread of COVID-19," Stevenson says in the proclamation.

The proclamation cites state General Statutes Section 28-8a(a), 28-1(8) and 28-22a as giving her the authority as the town's chief executive officer to "take such action as he/she deems necessary to mitigate the emergency" of COVID-19.