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| **Danang beaches empty as residents practice social distancing**  *Beaches that had been crowded with summer vacationers in Danang earlier this month fell silent on Wednesday as the central Vietnamese city reinstated enhanced social distancing measures to curb the second wave of novel coronavirus disease outbreaks.*  Danang recorded Vietnam’s first community-based COVID-19 case after 99 days on Saturday.  **The coastal tourist city** has since logged 34 cases of community infection in total, becoming a new epicenter of the **respiratory** disease in the Southeast Asian country.  The government decided to reinstate enhanced social distancing in Danang for at least 15 days from Tuesday, similar to measures enforced nationwide in early April, when Vietnam was at the **peak** of the pandemic.  Authorities in the coastal city have banned crowded events, shuttered non-essential services, and stopped receiving domestic tourist to prevent the virus from spreading.  On the second day of social distancing on Wednesday, no one was spotted on the spectacular beaches stretching the two district of Son Tra and Ngu Hanh Son in Danang.  In order to enforce the social distancing measures, **the management board** of Son Tra **Peninsula** and Danang’s tourism beaches has fenced off all entrances to local beaches with barrier tapes, prohibiting both locals and visitors from entering.  The management board also deployed officers to regularly **patrol** the beaches and remind violators to obey social distancing rules.  Danang authorities were previously forced to cancel the Danang Fantasticity Festival 2020, planned to take place at the end of July, due to the return of COVID-19 community cases.  Since Saturday, 43 new community-based infections have been confirmed in Vietnam, including 34 in Danang.  The Southeast Asian country’s COVID-19 tally was at 459 on Thursday, including 276 imported cases quarantined immediately after arrival.  Ninety patients remain under treatment for the disease in Vietnam, with no **casualties** reported to date. | **The coastal tourist city:** thành phố ven biển.  **Respiratory/** res-per-uh-tawr-ee: hô hấp.  **Peak/**peek: đỉnh, the pointed top of anything.  **the management board:** ban quản lý.  **Peninsula/** puh-nin-suh-luh: bán đảo.  **Patrol/**pub-trohl: police officers, soldiers to pass along a road or a specified area in order to maintain order and security.  **Casualties/** kazh-oo-uh l-tee: person or thing that is destroyed or killed in an accident. |