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## **An update from Mayor Simpson and City Council,**

As part of our summer season reopening and with Memorial Day fast approaching, we would like to welcome everyone back to the island.

On Thursday, May 14th, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order #143 allowing the reopening of beaches and parks, with limitations.

Even though the Governor is allowing the beaches to reopen, this doesn't mean the threat of COVID19 has diminished. In fact, many experts believe that the summer tourism season could lead to an increase in the number of COVID19 cases for South Jersey.

While the City supports the Governor's decision to open New Jersey's beaches, we fully recognize that some people may not agree with opening the beaches at this time. However, we believe the decision to go to the beach should be left up to each individual family.

Effective Friday May 22nd, all beaches will be open for recreational activities, swimming and sunbathing. Normal Social distancing procedures and masks should be worn by all. Families are permitted to congregate in groups, up to 10 in size and couples may sit together. Swimming is permitted at guarded beaches only.

Lifeguards will be on the beaches at Roosevelt Blvd, 16th St, 26th St and 38th St only for the beginning of the season.

The Beach Fee Office will be open beginning Friday May 22nd at 9am. Beach tags, parking permits and 4x4 permits will be available for purchase. 4x4 permit and beach tag pricing will remain at the preseason discounted price for the time being. Effective Friday June 5th, all 4x4 vehicles must have a 2020 permit, 2019 permits will no longer be valid.

The Cove Beach recreational area shall remain closed to vehicular traffic until further notice.

The Jetty Beach and the City portion of the North Beach are open to vehicles with a valid permit. Social distancing rules are in place for both areas. Overcrowding and failure to follow the protocols may result in a closure or limiting of vehicles permitted.

The Sea wall promenade will remain closed until further notice.



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Unfortunately, due to health concerns and the state Executive Orders, this year's Memorial Day parade and ceremony have been canceled.

The City wide Memorial Day Weekend yard sales are permitted, providing that social distancing and face coverings are used.

The 2020 Brigantine Triathlon has been canceled/postponed.

The 2020 Baseball Season has been canceled.

All summer Volleyball and Soccer tournaments are canceled.

The prohibition of occupancy on Short Term Rentals is also remaining in effect for the time being. It is evaluated regularly and we will update you as needed.

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