

The following information is being made available to you as Avalon has adjusted policies and schedules due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Updated May 15, 2020

Avalon Beaches:

Through Thursday, May 21st, Avalon beaches are open for walking/running/fishing/surfing. Starting Friday, May 22nd, passive recreation including beach chairs, blankets, and sunbathing is permissible. Starting Friday, May 22nd lifeguards will be on duty for the summer. The Avalon Beach Tag Booth remains closed until further notice. No beach tags will be required on Avalon's beaches until Friday, July 3rd. You can reserve a beach tag on the Viplly phone app, or take advantage of our mail in program. Preseason beach tag rates are effective until June 30th, 2020; the preseason rate is \$25. You may mail a check payable to the Borough of Avalon, and mail it to Avalon Tax Collectors Office, attn: Beach Tags, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon NJ 08202. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelop. You will be mailed a receipt good for the number of beach tags you paid for. When the Booth opens, simply bring the receipt and claim your beach tags.

Social distancing is both required and mandated this summer on the Avalon beaches by gubernatorial and mayoral executive orders. Families who come to the beach should remain at least six feet apart from other blankets and chairs. Face masks are strongly encouraged this summer due to Covid-19. Avalon Police will be patrolling the beaches to encourage social distancing among our guests.

Avalon Boardwalk:

The Avalon Boardwalk will be open Friday, May 22nd. All regular rules and regulations apply. Face masks are strongly encouraged; social distancing is required.

Avalon Public Buildings:

Avalon public buildings remain closed to the public until further notice, including Borough Hall, Community Hall, the Avalon Free Public Library, and Avalon Department of Public Works. They will be opened by the Mayor when they can safely open. Essential employees are working both inside Borough Hall and remotely. Please understand any phone calls may not be returned immediately. Use the "Ask a Question" link on the Borough website to have your question directed to the appropriate department, or email the department directly.

Avalon Public Spaces:

Avalon's recreational facilities, including Community Hall, basketball courts, playgrounds, pickleball courts, and tennis courts remain closed until further notice. Avalon's recreational fields between 8th Street and 12th street were conditionally opened on Friday, May 15th by the Mayor for exercise only. There are to be no organized games, no sports camps, and no group activities on the fields at any time, until further notice. The fields are only open for non-group activities including playing catch, kicking a soccer ball, etc. Social distancing on the athletic fields is strictly enforced. Masks are strongly encouraged for anyone who visits the athletic fields. Bathrooms adjacent to the beach at Surfside Park only are to open as of May 22nd, 2020. Bay Park Marina is open to the public, and the boat launch is available. The Avalon Kayak Park is also open to the public. Social distancing is required, and masks are strongly recommended.

Special Events:

Most special events in Avalon have been cancelled until further notice. The Governor's executive order prohibits fireworks on the beach; July 4th fireworks have been cancelled, and the July 4th Bay Atlantic Symphony concert is also cancelled. Outdoor events on the beaches have been cancelled until further notice including sports camps, and beach movies as no organized events are currently allowed on the beaches per the Governor's executive order. All activities including for Memorial Day weekend including the ceremony and parade are cancelled. All sports camps are suspended until further notice because they occur on public spaces where public gatherings are prohibited.

Rescheduled Events:

Avalon's bulk trash pickup has been scheduled to start on June 15th. Trash may be placed curbside starting June 1st. The Avalon Trash and Recycling Drop Off Center at 15th Street and Dune Drive is open every day. The Avalon Community Paper Shredding Day will be held on Labor Day, September 7th. There will be a second bulk trash collection in Avalon starting September 14th.

Rentals/Second Homes:

Seasonal rentals in Avalon were allowable as of May 11th, 2020. Short term rentals are possible on June 1st. Second home owners are allowed to visit their homes in Avalon. Curbside check in is mandated when possible.

Payments to the Borough:

The Borough of Avalon has extended the deadline to pay taxes without penalty to June 1, 2020. Water and sewer payments continue with their regular schedule.

Public Meetings:

The Avalon Borough Council meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 4:00pm. These meetings have been recently held via conference call and will continue in that format until public buildings are open to the public. Meetings of the Avalon Environmental Commission have been cancelled. Meetings of the Avalon Planning and Zoning Board have been postponed; continue to follow notices on avalonboro.net for updates.

Businesses:

Retail, restaurant, bar, arcade, amusement are all regulated by the State of New Jersey and may only open via directives from the State. The Borough will soon receive an executive order from the Mayor that will regulate, for only the summer of 2020, some outdoor dining and retail opportunities in Avalon.