

May 14, 2020

Avalon remains appreciative of your patience as we work through advice and directives from numerous government, emergency management, and health disciplines for the gradual reopening of municipal spaces and programs.

Governor Phil Murphy delivered guidance to beach communities during his daily update on the Covid-19 pandemic on Thursday, May 14th. The State's executive order permits New Jersey beaches to open on Friday, May 22nd. It also prohibits organized games, contact sports, and special events, including fireworks, on the beach. It also mandates spatial and social distancing, with six foot required social distancing between individuals.

One week ago, I issued guidance to our community as it relates to beach access, and beach tags. On that date, I signed an executive order that extends the preseason price of beach tags until June 30th, and also extends the mail-in beach tag program until May 31st. These measures provide ample opportunity for you to acquire beach tags at the preseason price of \$25.00 for a seasonal tag. Out of concerns for Covid-19, the Beach Tag Booth remains closed. Beach tags are still available via the mail in program, and on our Viply phone app; details are available at www.avalonboro.net.

I am further amending my executive order. As of Friday morning, May 22nd, the Avalon beaches will be open for all passive and active purposes. You may bring beach chairs and blankets. However, due to the Governor's executive order, organized sports and sports camps are prohibited. The Avalon Beach Patrol will follow its regular schedule of guarding beaches. It is impractical to require beach tags until the Beach Tag Booth is open. I am addressing that issue by waiving the requirement for beach tags through Thursday, July 2nd. As of July 3rd, beach tags will be required, and may be purchased at the regular price. As always, follow all instructions provided by the Avalon Beach Patrol. It is my expectation that the Booth will be open in advance of July 3rd. Additionally, the Avalon boardwalk will be open on Friday, May 22nd, as well as the bathrooms/restrooms/changing rooms at Surfside Park.

The State of New Jersey and Avalon both require best practices for social distancing on the beach. I trust that you, your families, and friends will adhere to the social distancing practices for which we have become all too familiar. Patrols will be on our beach and will require individuals and groups to socially distance, when necessary. It is highly recommended that you wear a mask on the beach or boardwalk. I ask that you follow any direction provided as it remains necessary to protect the health and safety of you, and others.

Please understand that other Borough buildings and facilities remain closed until guidance provides that they are safe to open. Updated information will always be available at www.avalonboro.net.

Thank you for being socially responsible and protecting the health of all of us who enjoy Avalon, always Cooler by a Mile!
Martin L. Pagliughi
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