



Town of Hilton Head Island **TOWN MANAGER UPDATE**

An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 5/15/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders,

The weekend is here and we hope everyone continues to be responsible and safe, as you venture out to the beaches, community parks, restaurants and other businesses.

Please follow CDC guidelines:

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.
- Do not gather in groups.
- Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings.

Also, we have some new beach rules that are now in effect for beach visitors:

- You are only allowed to bring small plastic shovels.
- If you dig holes on the beach, they should be less than 1 foot deep and you must fill them in before you leave.
- All personal property that you bring with you must be removed by sunset.

Reopening Town Hall

Our Recovery Team at Town Hall is working on protocols that will guide how we will accommodate the public and conduct committee meetings once we reopen to the public. We will be sharing our reopening date and other information with you over the next couple of weeks.

Town Council Virtual Meeting, Tuesday, May 19

At its special meeting at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, the Town Council will Our Town Council will again take up the matter of encouraging the public to wear masks. Other agenda items include a staff recommendation about Shelter Cove Park, a funding request from the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce and an emergency ordinance to extend electronic meetings for Town Council.

You can view the agenda in a pdf format on our website at <https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/council/tcagendas.cfm>

To comment on these topics through our online comment portal, visit <https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/opentownhall/> . The portal for will close TWO (2) hours prior to the scheduled meeting start times to enable the Town Clerk to compile comments.



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To watch the meetings, tune in to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TownofHiltonHeadIslandSC> or our website at <https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov>.

S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles Update

The local branch of the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) has returned to operating five days a week, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment. Previously, the SCDMV did not open until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. To increase the number of appointments available to serve customers, the SCDMV will open at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesdays now through Labor Day. Social distancing requirements will remain in effect at all SCDMV Branch Office locations. Customers must continue to adhere to six feet of physical separation between themselves and others while waiting to enter a SCDMV Branch Office. Branch Office lobbies will not be available as waiting areas. Customers are encouraged to check the SCDMV website at SCDMVonline.com to see if they can complete their transactions online before attempting to make appointments.

Count Me In the Census

As chair of the South Carolina Governor's Complete Count Commission, Lieutenant Governor Pamela S. Evette has launched the #CountMeIn video campaign, highlighting the importance of every South Carolinian participating in the 2020 census. South Carolina is currently 38th in the nation for self-response to the 2020 census. Complete the census by going to www.my2020census.gov, calling 844-330-2020 for English or 844-468-2020 for Spanish, or by filling out the paper form sent by mail.

Keeping Up With COVID-19

For the latest update on COVID-19 cases in South Carolina and in Beaufort County, visit SCDHEC.gov.

Get Your Groove On and Support a Charity!

Deas-Guyz, a popular local band, has recorded a concert at the Jazz Corner. The artists donated their time and talent; 100% of the proceeds will go to the COVID-19 Relief Fund at the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry (CFL). You can access this concert through CultureHHI.org. I also encourage you to check out how the foundation is addressing COVID 19 <https://cf-lowcountry.org/impact-initiatives/how-were-addressing-the-covid-19-pandemic>

Opening On Monday, May 18

Close contact service providers, fitness and exercise centers, commercial gyms, and public or commercial pools will be able to open in a limited capacity on Monday.

- Close contact service providers include the following businesses: Barber shops, hair salons, waxing salons, threading salons, nail salons and spas, body-art



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facilities and tattoo services, tanning salons, massage-therapy establishments and massage services.

- Commercial gyms will include group exercise facilities such as yoga studios, barre classes, and others.

Island Rec Center Opening Monday, May 18

The Island Rec Center will open at 8 a.m., Monday, May 1, with reduced hours. A limited number of staff and members will be permitted. Summer Camp will start Tuesday, May 26. The Senior Center will remain closed until July 1. For more information, visit islandreccenter.org or call 843-681-7273.

Resources for Business Reopenings

As close contact businesses prepare to reopen next week, I am sharing the list of resources below so those businesses and the general public are aware of guidelines that should be in place for everyone's safety. These are resources from the Governor's accelerateSC initiative, the S.C. Restaurant and Lodging Association, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control and the CDC.

SC's COVID-19 Response <https://accelerate.sc.gov/>

Close Contact Business Guidelines <https://accelerate.sc.gov/close-contact-business-guidelines>

General Guidelines for Close Contact Service Providers
[https://governor.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Executive-Orders/FINAL%20General%20Re-Opening%20Guideline%20-%20Close%20Contact%20\(002\).pdf](https://governor.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Executive-Orders/FINAL%20General%20Re-Opening%20Guideline%20-%20Close%20Contact%20(002).pdf)

Specific Guidelines for Cosmetology Establishments
[https://governor.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Executive-Orders/FINAL%20Re-Opening%20Guideline%20-%20Cosmo%20\(002\).pdf](https://governor.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Executive-Orders/FINAL%20Re-Opening%20Guideline%20-%20Cosmo%20(002).pdf)

Specific Guidelines for Gyms and Fitness Centers
[https://governor.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Executive-Orders/FINAL_Re-Opening%20Guideline_Fitness%20CentersGymsYMCA2%20\(003\).pdf](https://governor.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Executive-Orders/FINAL_Re-Opening%20Guideline_Fitness%20CentersGymsYMCA2%20(003).pdf)

Specific Guidelines for Public or Commercial Pools
<https://accelerate.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Interim%20Guidelines%20for%20Reopening%20Public%20Swimming%20Pools.pdf>

Opening Hotels Phase One Recommendations



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<https://accelerate.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Hotel%20Recomendations%20FINAL.pdf>

Restaurant Guidance https://www.scrta.org/page/COVID_19

Health Care Guidance <https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/guidance-healthcare-professionals-covid-19>

Business Re-opening Guidance <https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/businesses-employers-covid-19>

Child Care Provider Guidance <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>

Golf Course Guidance
<https://accelerate.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/SouthCarolinaGolfCouncil.pdf>