



Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 5/27/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

Access to and services at all Town recreational parks will be fully restored as of Saturday, May 30, 2020. All bathrooms, playgrounds and picnic shelters will be open. Key facilities re-opening include:

- Chaplin Community Park – dog park, tennis courts and recreational fields
- Bristol Sports Arena
- Veterans' Park
- Green Shell Park
- Hilton Head Park
- Cordillo Tennis
- Compass Rose Park

AccerateSC has provided interim guidance for re-opening of County, Municipal and School Athletic Fields and resuming youth sports events. The full guidance document is available here: [https://governor.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Executive-Orders/Guidelines for Reopening Athletic Fields and Resuming Youth Sports - FINAL.pdf](https://governor.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Executive-Orders/Guidelines%20for%20Reopening%20Athletic%20Fields%20and%20Resuming%20Youth%20Sports%20-%20FINAL.pdf)

Among other guidelines, league and event organizers have the responsibility to:

- Maintain a list of all participants present at each event and have contact information on file.
- Conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation).
- Operate any concessions in compliance with SCDHEC standards and additional protocols.
- Ensure coaches wear masks at all times. When feasible, staff and volunteers should wear masks within the sports facility.
- Schedule to allow for adequate buffer times between games to allow spectators, players and coaches to enter and exit the facility with limited interaction.
- Spectators must adhere to social distancing requirements.

Practices may resume on May 30, 2020 and games may resume on June 15, 2020.

Other special events and organized gatherings are not authorized at this time.



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Beach Parking Update

Effective Saturday, May 30th, Islanders Beach Park at 94 Folly Field Road will only be accessible to beach parking pass holders. If you do not have a beach parking pass, please do not visit this beach location. Security will be on site at Islanders Beach Park to close the parking lot once it reaches capacity and will only reopen when it is safe to do so. Burkes Beach visitors must park at the Chaplin Community Park, 11 Cast Net Drive. Metered spaces and on-street parking along Burkes Beach Road will be terminated until further notice. Vehicles illegally parked will be towed.

Staff Returning to Town Hall June 1

Since March, a large percentage of our staff has been working from home and keeping up with public requests. On Monday, June 1, nearly all of our staff will return to work at Town Hall. We have taken a number of steps for their safety including a deep cleaning of offices and common spaces. Our staff are required to wear masks appropriately and follow other guidelines. Town Hall facilities will continue to be closed to the public through June 15. We appreciate your patience while we prepare our facilities and finalize protocols for public access.

Business Restoration Survey

How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your business? Let us know. Please take a moment to provide us with feedback on our business restoration survey at <https://www.opentownhall.com/8851>

Payment of Business Licenses, Hospitality and Accommodations

June 20th is the deadline for business license, hospitality and accommodations tax payments. You can drop off your payment, along with the tax payment or business license renewal form, in our secured "Revenue Collections" mailbox at the main entrance of Town Hall. New business license applications may also be dropped in the mailbox. Call Revenue Services at 843-341-4677 if you have questions.

Electronic Meetings

Our Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee will conduct its special meeting electronically at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 28. Our Design Review Board will conduct its second meeting this week electronically at 9 a.m. Friday, May 29. Agendas for these meetings are available on the Town's website (<https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/>). The meetings will not be streamed live. They will be recorded and that video record will be available on the Town's website within 24 hours of the meeting occurring.

Public comments concerning agenda items can be submitted electronically via the Town's Open Town Hall portal (<https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/opentownhall/>). If you wish to sign up for public comment participation by phone during the DRB meeting, call 843-341-4684.



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For the ATAX meeting, call 843-341-4646. The public comment period will close at Noon the day before the scheduled meeting. All comments will be provided to the DRB and ATAX committee members for review and made a part of the official record.

Upcoming June 9 Election

All registered voters in South Carolina can vote by absentee ballot in the June 9 primary, due to COVID-19. Voters can apply for a mail-in ballot, or vote in-person up to June 8 at Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County's main office at 15 John Galt Road in Beaufort, or the Bluffton Satellite office, 61B Ulmer Road., Bluffton. For the June 2020 Primaries and Runoffs only, voters are no longer required to have their absentee by mail ballot return envelope witnessed. For more information, visit <https://www.scvotes.org/absentee-voting>

Keep Up With COVID-19

For the latest update on COVID-19 cases in South Carolina and in Beaufort County, visit [SCDHEC.gov](https://www.scdhec.gov).

Ways to Give

For a list of very worthy organizations and initiatives that need your support as they continue to help individuals in our community, visit the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber Commerce at <https://www.hiltonheadchamber.org/covid-19/>