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**Ocean City**  
NEW JERSEY

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**Ocean City Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Page****Am I allowed to be on the beach?**

The beach is open. The Ocean City Beach Patrol will begin guarding on Memorial Day Weekend (see [list of guarded beaches](#)). As per the governor's guidelines, please maintain six feet of space between others. Avoid groups of 10 or more. Masks or face coverings are recommended. Tents and canopies will not be permitted on the beaches between First Street and 10th Street. On other beaches, they will be limited in size to 8 feet wide by 6 feet deep by 6 feet tall, and they must be placed at the back of the beach within 10 feet of the seaward side of the dunes.

**Are beach tags on sale?**

Beach tags are on sale online and by mail at [www.ocnj.us/beachtags](http://www.ocnj.us/beachtags). The deadline for purchase of discounted (\$20) seasonal tags has been extended to June 30. Beach tags are not required until June 6, 2020. In-person sales are now open and available at the following locations:

- **City Hall:** At the reception desk. Hours are 8:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays (including Memorial Day).
- **Music Pier/Box Office Window:** Purchase from the window. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday.
- **Route 52 Causeway Welcome Center:** Purchase from the window. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- **Henry Knight Building:** Purchase from the lobby. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- **34<sup>th</sup> Street Information Center:** Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Military Beach Tags are available at City Hall, the Route 52 Causeway Welcome Center and the Music Pier, with proper I.D.

Please remember to follow social distancing guidelines when purchasing beach tags; stay 6 feet apart in line, wear a face covering, and wash or sanitize your hands after the transaction.

**Am I allowed to be on the boardwalk?**

The boardwalk is open for walking, running, bicycling and for access to takeout food. Please avoid social gathering and respect social distancing guidelines. Non-essential retail stores and amusement centers remain closed by executive order of the governor. "Curbside" pickup for retail stores began on May 18. Public restrooms on the boardwalk are open

and being sanitized throughout the day. Hand sanitization stations have been installed at regular intervals along the boardwalk.

### **Are other recreational facilities open?**

The Ocean City Municipal Golf Course is open (with [restrictions](#)). The Ocean City Skate Park is open (with [restrictions](#)). The Ocean City Dog Park is open to members (please respect social distancing guidelines). Recreational fields are open (please respect social distancing guidelines). The tennis courts at Sixth Street and 34th Street are open.

### **When can I leave home under the “shelter in place” order issued by the governor?**

All residents are to stay at home or at their place of residence unless they are leaving for the following reasons:

- Obtaining goods or services from essential retail businesses;
- Obtaining takeout or food beverages from restaurants;
- Seeking medical attention, essential social services, or assistance from law enforcement;
- Visiting family or close friends, caretakers, or romantic partners;
- Reporting to or performing their job;
- Walking, running, or engaging in outdoor activities with immediate family, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners;
- Leaving for an educational, religious, or political reason;
- Leaving because of a reasonable fear for health or safety;
- Leaving at the direction of law enforcement or other government agency.

Individuals who have to travel must practice social distancing when possible and should use public transportation only if they have no other choice. People do not have to be with only "immediate family members." People can walk down the street, travel in cars or otherwise be outside with non-family members with whom they have a close personal relationship.

### **What is social distancing?**

People need to stay at least six feet apart when possible. Small groups of family members and others are permitted, as long as they fall under one of the exemptions in the “shelter in place” order. People or groups are permitted to pass each other on sidewalks and streets.

### **Are face coverings mandatory?**

The governor’s Executive Order No. 122 makes it mandatory to wear cloth face coverings/masks inside any essential retail establishment or restaurant. It also makes wearing face coverings mandatory at warehousing businesses, manufacturing businesses, businesses performing essential construction, and on construction sites when "social distancing" is not possible.

There is no executive order or CDC requirement that people wear masks at all times when in public. It is required only when you enter an essential retail establishment or restaurant. People do not have to wear face masks "at all times" while in public. The CDC does recommend "the wearing of cloth face coverings/ masks in public settings when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as grocery stores and pharmacies, especially in areas of "significant community-based transmission."

### **Are restaurants allowed to be open?**

All can remain open for their normal business hours, but must continue to be delivery and/ or takeout only.

### **Are short-term rentals and hotel stays permitted?**

The lodging of seasonal tenants and transient guests are regulated by a [new proclamation](#)  from the City of Ocean City.

- Rentals for a **duration of greater than thirty (30) days** were permitted effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 11, 2020;
- Rentals for a **duration of less than thirty (30) days** shall be permitted effective 12:01 a.m., Saturday, May 30, 2020;
- Hotels and motels may operate at a capacity of 60% of its full capacity effective 12:01a.m., Saturday, May 30, 2020
- Hotels and motels may operate at full capacity effective 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 20, 2020

## **N.J. GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

- **133: Reopening State Parks and Golf Courses** [📄](#) (4-29-2020)
- **132: Allowing Electronic Petition Submission and Signature Collection for Initiatives and Referenda** [📄](#) (4-29-2020)
- **131: Creating a commission charged with advising the administration on the timing and preparation for New Jersey's recovery from the COVID-19 shutdown** [📄](#) (4-28-2020)
- **130: Allowing Municipalities to Extend Grace Period for May 1st Property Tax Payments until June 1** [📄](#) (4-28-2020)
- **129: Extending Retired Officer Carry Permits by a period of 90 days until after the ongoing Public Health Emergency ends** [📄](#) (4-27-2020)
- **128: Providing Critical Short-Term Support for Renters** [📄](#) (4-24-2020)
- **127: Extending Deadlines Associated With Rulemaking** [📄](#) (4-14-2020)
- **126: Prohibiting Cable and Telecommunications Providers From Terminating Internet and Voice Service** [📄](#) (4-13-2020)
- **125: Implementing Additional Requirements on NJ Transit, Private Carriers and Restaurants** [📄](#) (4-11-2020)
- **124: Establishing a Process to Grant Temporary Reprieve to Certain At-Risk Inmates** [📄](#) (4-10-2020)
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- **122: Order to Cease All Non-Essential Construction Projects and Impose Additional Mitigation Requirements on Essential Retail Businesses and Industries** [📄](#) (4-8-2020)
- **121: Allowing Greater Weight Limit for Vehicles Carrying COVID-19 Relief Supplies** [📄](#) (4-8-2020)
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- **115: Strengthening COVID-19 Response by Allowing Certain Retirees to Return to Public Employment** [📄](#) (4-6-2020)
- **114: Directing Flags to Fly at Half-Staff in Honor of Those Who Have Lost Lives or Been Affected by COVID-19** [📄](#) (4-3-2020)
- **113: Authorizing Commandeering of Property Such as Medical Supplies** [📄](#) (4-2-2020)
- **112: Removing Barriers to Health Care Professionals Joining N.J.'s COVID-19 Response and Providing Protections for Front Line Health Care Responders** [📄](#) (4-1-2020)
- **111: Directing Health Care Facilities to Report Data on a Daily Basis** [📄](#) (3-28-2020)
- **110: Requiring Child Care Centers to Close on April 1 Unless Serving Children of Essential Workers** [📄](#) (3-25-2020)
- **109: Suspending All Elective Surgeries to Preserve Essential Equipment and Hospital Capacity** [📄](#) (3-23-2020)
- **108: Invalidating Any County or Municipal Restriction That In Any Way Will or Might Conflict With Any of the Provisions of Executive Order No. 107** [📄](#) (3-21-2020)
- **107: Directing All Residents to Stay at Home Until Further Notice and Defining Essential Businesses** [📄](#) (3-21-2020)
- **106: Enacting Moratorium on Removals of Individuals Due to Evictions or Foreclosures** [📄](#) (3-19-2020)
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- **104:** [Announcing Aggressive Social Distancing Measures](#)  (3-16-2020)
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