

# **COVID – 19 Guidelines**

## **BEACH VENDORS & BEACH GOERS**



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## GUIDELINES FOR BEACH VENDORS

1. Vending operators must practice the following preventative measures while conducting economic activities on our local beaches:
  - a. Protective facial coverings such as a mask or cloth must be worn, when interacting with clients.
  - b. All beach chairs should be spaced 2 meters apart.  
Individual beach goers making use of the chairs, are required to maintain the two (2) meter distance between the sets of beach chairs, unless part of the same household.
  - c. Vending operators must conduct their beach activities within the square meters allotted to them in their license, with the understanding that given the new protocols, they will have to place less beach chairs within the designated lot.
  - d. All equipment must be sanitized before and after use. This includes:
    - i. On shore equipment such as tables, chairs, umbrellas etc.;
    - ii. In water equipment, such as snorkel equipment, buggy boards, jet skis, paddle boards etc.

Such equipment may not be shared with individuals outside of their immediate household, unless it has been cleaned and disinfected between users.

2. Vendors and helpers showing any flu like symptoms, coughing etc. should not be allowed to come in for work.
3. Customers showing flu like symptoms should be prohibited from renting beach and water equipment.
4. Vendors and Helpers must practice wash or sanitize their hands regularly, in particular, before and after every interaction with a client.
5. Vending operators must provide and maintain hand hygiene stations on site, as follows:
  - i. For handwashing: soap, running warm water, and disposable paper towels, to the extent that such facilities exist.
  - ii. For sanitizer: an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol for areas where handwashing facilities may not be available or practical.

6. Vending operators should develop an operational plan that includes applicable instructions, training, signage, and a consistent means to provide helpers and beach goers with information.

## **GUIDELINES FOR BEACH GOERS**

1. At all times beach goers are to practice Social Distancing to minimize the spread of COVID-19.
2. Protective facial covering such as a mask or cloth must be used when 2 meters of social distance cannot be maintained, unless individuals are from the same household.
3. Properly store and, when necessary, discard personal protective equipment.
4. Inform people with flu-like symptoms to contact their family doctor. In case they do not have a family doctor, CPS should be called at 914.
5. Follow hand hygiene and cleaning guidelines as published on the Government website.
6. Beach goers must ensure that a distance of at least 2 meters is maintained at all times, unless they are members of the same household.
  - or unless safety of the core activity requires a shorter distance (e.g. lifting heavy equipment, in which case proper face coverings must be worn.
  - or providing emergency assistance to a beachgoer.
7. Family picnics/gatherings of more than 5 persons are not allowed on the beaches.
8. Sunbathing and lounging on beach chairs and towels are allowed, if 2 meters of distance is maintained between users not from the same household.

## **GUIDELINES FROM PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING THE USE OF FACEMASKS, GLOVES AND FACE SHIELDS**

There is no need for the use of face masks, gloves and/or face shields when social distancing of 2 meters is respected and regular hand washing with soap and water or a sanitizer is practiced.

The virus can be contracted by droplets of an infected person by:

1. Being directly inhaled by another person who is less than 2 meters from the infected person through openly coughing, sneezing or having close physical contact such as kissing, hugging or sexual contact.
2. Another person touching his/her mouth, nose or eyes after touching the surface where droplets of an infected person have landed (hence the importance of regularly sanitizing frequently touched objects).

If social distancing of 2 meters cannot be practiced or realized, face masks, worn properly (covering both mouth and nose), are sufficient. Bear in mind that surgical masks need to be properly disposed of after use or after getting wet, and that cloth masks need to be washed regularly. Face masks and gloves can cause a false sense of security, thus becoming more of a liability than an asset. Face masks need to cover both mouth and nose.

Face shields and gloves are only recommended for medical staff closely dealing with confirmed or strongly suspected Covid-19 positive persons as well as food handlers.

Medical masks should be limited to use by health care professionals.