

LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS

To slow the spread of COVID-19 local and state leaders have passed emergency ordinances that impact Grand Strand residents and visitors.

City of Myrtle Beach ([Emergency Response Page](#))

July 2, 2020 – Face Covering Executive Order – [Read Executive Order](#)
[FAQs about Myrtle Beach's face mask order](#)

June 26, 2020 – Emergency Executive Order Order #8B: Amendment to Address Maximum Occupancy of Passenger and Service Elevators [Read the order](#)

June 11, 2020 – COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Extended [Read the ordinance](#)

May 26, 2020 – City Services Open [Read the update](#)

May 12, 2020 – Myrtle Beach Provides Update on City Services [Read the update](#)

May 11, 2020 – 8B – Amendment to Address Maximum Occupancy of Passenger and Service Elevators – Revisions removed the limit of one guest on elevators and added elevators should have signs detailing elevator occupancy limits, social distancing, use of face masks in elevators and encouraging use of stairs. [Read the full order here](#)

May 4, 2020 - 1A - Restaurants – Emergency Order 1A was issued near the start of the State of Emergency. The Order allowed for additional signage for restaurants during the prohibition on dine-in services. Now that Governor McMaster has authorized outdoor dining starting May 4, this amendment is to allow for up to 25 percent of a restaurants required parking area to be taken up with tents and extra tables and chair for outdoor dining. The order also imposes many of the same restrictions that are in place for hotels, as well as the guidelines from the Governor's Executive Order relating to hygiene and sanitization for outdoor dining. [Read the full order here.](#)

May 4, 2020 – 8A - Hotels and Short-Term Rentals – Emergency Order 8A was issued on April 30 and this dealt with the “soft-opening period” for hotels and short-term rentals. In addition to operations, sanitization and public safety measures, the initial Emergency Order provided that accommodations businesses shall be allowed to honor existing reservations for the period of May 1-May 15. There was no restriction on new or existing reservations made for a check-in date of May 16 or later. This new amendment to Executive Order 8A moves the “soft-opening period” end date to May 14, meaning that accommodations businesses will be able to accept new reservations for the weekend, beginning Friday, May 15. [Read the full order here.](#)

April 28, 2020 – Public Beach Access – Myrtle Beach City Council voted to reopen beach access for city residents, visitors and guests starting immediately.

City of North Myrtle Beach

June 30, 2020 – Face Covering Emergency Ordinance – [Read Ordinance](#)
[FAQs about North Myrtle Beach's face mask ordinance](#)

April 28, 2020 – City of North Myrtle Beach Short- and Long-Term Rental Update – [Read News Release](#)

April 20, 2020 – Public Beach Access - City of North Myrtle Beach reopened public beach accesses April 21. Social distancing is required and groups of three or more will be dispersed. [Read Resolution](#)

Surfside Beach

July 7, 2020 – [Face Covering Resolution](#)

April 28, 2020 – Short-Term Rentals – Surfside Beach Town Council voted to not extend their short-term rental restrictions, which will expire on April 30. This means rentals can resume May 1.

Beaches are open. Town Council emphasized the importance of social distancing while enjoying the beach. All town parks are open.

Horry County

July 3, 2020 – Face Covering Emergency Ordinance – [Read Ordinance](#)

May 29, 2020 – Update on Horry County Government Services – Horry County Museum and L.W. Paul Living History Farm open. [Read More](#)

May 18, 2020 – Update on Horry County Government Services – Horry County Government has reopened its administrative, public safety, and library facilities to the public. Horry County recreation centers, Horry County Museum and the L.W. Paul Living History Farm will remain closed to the public. [Read More](#)

April 28, 2020 – Unincorporated Horry County Short-Term Rentals Allowed to Reopen May 1 – Horry County has announced that they will allow their existing ban on short-term rentals in the unincorporated parts of the county to expire on April 30.

April 20, 2020 – Public Beach Access – Per Gov. McMaster’s latest executive order, public beach accesses in the unincorporated areas of Horry County reopened April 21. The governor’s executive order requiring individuals from different family units to stay 6 or more feet apart remains in effect. Law enforcement will continue to disperse groups of three or more who pose a threat to public health.

Georgetown County

July 2, 2020 – Face Covering Emergency Ordinance – [Read Ordinance](#)

[Additional face mask resources](#)

April 28, 2020 – Short-Term Rentals & Public Beach Access – No action was taken by Georgetown County Council to extend the ban on short-term rentals (Emergency Ordinance 20-16), which expired on April 30. County beach accesses reopened May 1. The MarshWalk, Veterans Pier and Jetty View Walk in Murrells Inlet will remain closed until May 15. [Read More](#)

Pawleys Island

April 30, 2020 – Short-Term Rentals – The Town of Pawleys Island approved an order to reopen short-term rentals as of May 8. [Read More](#)

Myrtle Beach International Airport

- The Myrtle Beach International Airport and all other airports managed by the Horry County Department of Airports remain open and operational. Horry County Government does not have the authority to make a unilateral decision about the closure of airports. That is under the purview of the Federal Aviation Administration. Airlines can also alter flight schedules. In addition, just like in a hurricane, it is important that the airports remain open for County emergency logistics, including delivery of supplies.
- Please be advised, as airlines reduce capacity nation-wide, some flight changes or cancellations may result. Travelers should check the status of their flight before arriving at the airport. You can find updated arrival and departure information from MYR on their [website](#). Travelers wishing to change or cancel their itinerary should contact their airlines directly. Contact information for all airlines with service at MYR can be found [here](#). Many airlines are offering fee waivers for changes and cancellations. As a reminder, wait times are estimated to be longer than usual due to increased demand. Some itineraries are eligible to be canceled online; refer to your airlines' website for details.
- The chamber nor the City or Horry County have the authority to close MYR airport or to stop airlines from arriving here. This is a federal FAA mandate to remain open during emergencies.

State of South Carolina

- [Gov. Henry McMaster Prohibits Alcohol Sales at Bars and Restaurants After 11 PM Effective July 11](#)
- [Gov. Henry McMaster Declares New State of Emergency, Lifts Restrictions on Bowling Alleys, Retail Capacity Restraints June 12](#)
- [Gov. Henry McMaster Lifts Restrictions on Attractions Effective Friday, May 22](#)
- [Gov. Henry McMaster: Additional Businesses, Gyms, Pools are Able to Open Monday, May 18](#)
- [Gov. Henry McMaster: Restaurants are Able to Open for Limited Dine-In Services Monday, May 11](#)

[SC Governor's Executive Orders](#)