

Myrtle Beach Response to COVID-19

We are excited that you are considering a trip to the Grand Strand in the coming months! To help you plan your trip, we have compiled the latest information about COVID-19 and how you can visit safely.

Following a recent spike in coronavirus cases across the country, Horry County, home of the area known as the Grand Strand and Myrtle Beach, has begun to see a downward trend in positive cases. We believe this can be largely attributed to the actions our community has taken to slow the spread. These actions include the following:

- **Greater Grand Strand Promise** – Community leaders in the Grand Strand area worked together to develop this public commitment that businesses and individuals are making to do their part to limit the spread of the virus and protect the safety and well-being of everyone, including residents and visitors. This initiative launched June 17th and more than 300 businesses have made the promise so far. Go to greatergrandstrandisopen.com to learn more about this commitment.
- **Mask Mandates** – In early July, many of our local municipalities, including the cities of Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach and Horry County mandated wearing a face covering while in public spaces where social distancing isn't possible. These mandates are in place through Labor Day 2020 currently.
- **Free Testing** – The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control has partnered with local healthcare providers to offer a large-scale testing program in our region. These free events allow anyone to be tested without a physician referral and without symptoms. Large-scale community testing helps identify positive cases before symptoms begin, which allows affected individuals to self-quarantine, helping slow the spread.

Our beaches are open, but we are asking everyone to visit responsibly. Take the necessary precautions when traveling such as social distancing, wearing face masks and frequent handwashing. If everyone will do their part to stop the spread, we will all be able to live, work and play together safely.

Watch this [video](#) to learn more about visiting responsibly:



We look forward to seeing you soon at The Beach!

Frequently Asked Questions

Are the beaches open?

Yes, beaches are open for public access but with social distancing guidelines in place and being enforced.

Are there any closures or event cancellations?

Yes. As we've seen with national events and schools, most events have been canceled or rescheduled. There are some exceptions, so please check with the individual-business or event website for the latest information. Many restaurants are opening for dine-in service at 50% capacity and offering take-out, curbside pickup, or delivery services. Many entertainment venues remain closed at this time.

What are area businesses and events doing to prevent the spread of coronavirus?

Many businesses have implemented expanded preventive measures, including:

- Expanded cleaning and sanitation practices, such as frequent cleanings, wiping down surfaces frequently throughout the day, and making sanitation gel or wipes available to visitors.
- Communicating guidelines to employees and visitors on how to prevent the spread of viruses.
- Implementing a response plan in case someone is suspected of contracting the coronavirus.

Watch this [video](#) to learn more about the cleaning and safety protocols in place as we prepare for your meeting.



For the most current information about COVID-19 in the Grand Strand, please go to the [Healthy Travel](#) page on [VisitMyrtleBeach.com](#).