



# Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

## An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 5/4/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders,

With Governor McMaster's rescinded orders on short-term rentals and self-quarantines, it appears we may be working towards recovery efforts. Orders the Governor issued late last Friday afternoon:

- Permit restaurants to offer outdoor dining service, in addition to existing take out, curbside, and delivery services, as of today. Restaurants must follow guidelines for social distancing, seating and sanitizing.
- Allow short-term rental companies to accept reservations from individuals residing in or travelling from any area subject to or identified in a CDC travel advisory or other CDC notice as a location with extensive community transmission of COVID-19.
- Lifted requirements for certain individuals coming to South Carolina from an area with substantial community spread of COVID-19 to self-quarantine or isolate for 14 days or the duration of their stay.
- Made the work-or-home order a voluntary measure.

We still have to take precautions to avoid spreading the virus. Please continue to wash your hands, wear your mask in public and practice social distancing.

### **Giving Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> /Support A Charity**

GivingTuesday, the groundbreaking global generosity movement, announced May 5<sup>th</sup> as a global day of giving and unity in response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. This day of emergency response is designed to drive an influx of generosity, citizen engagement, business and philanthropy activation, and support for communities and nonprofits around the world. Many organizations and agencies in our community have shown a tremendous amount of generosity already and deserve a world of thanks. But I encourage you to continue supporting charities in our community because they are doing all they can to help people with food, rent, utilities and other needs. Their resources will need be replenished. [#GivingTuesdayNow](#)

### **Beach Gear: Bring or Not to Bring**

For clarity, the recent resolution our Town Council passed prohibits the rental of beach equipment. While the resolution did not specifically address whether people could bring



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their own gear, the Town encourages beach visitors to leave some of their personal beach gear (towels, chairs, coolers, tents, beach toys) at home. Instead, the Town encourages beach visitors to use the beach for running, walking, dog-walking, biking, surfing, fishing (where authorized) and other recreational activities that are consistent with proper social distancing practices.

### **Answers to Your Questions About Our Beaches and Parks**

Common questions and answers about our beaches and parks can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions section of our COVID19 hub page at [hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19](https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19).

### **Keeping Up With COVID-19**

For the latest update on COVID-19 cases in South Carolina and in Beaufort County, visit [SCDHEC.gov](https://SCDHEC.gov). For information about the availability of coronavirus testing in our community, call Hilton Head Hospital's hotline at 843-682-7348.

### **Community Heroes**

Today, we shout out to Margie Tomczak, a Second Helpings board member who has done a phenomenal job making sure local residents have access to food during the COVID-19 crisis. Her voluntarism extends beyond Second Helpings to Holy Family's Grateful Hearts program and other causes that provide food to the needy. Check out her story in the Community Heroes section of our COVID19 hub page at [hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19](https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19). If you know of other individuals in our community who have helped us survive this crisis, please nominate them. Nominations can be submitted at [www.culturehhi.org](https://www.culturehhi.org).

**National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**

**National Nurses Week, May 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>**

**National Hospital and Healthcare Week, May 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

**National EMS Week, May 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>**

This month is filled with appreciation and recognition weeks for many professions – teachers, nurses, other healthcare workers and EMS practitioners. On behalf of the Town of Hilton Head Island, I express thanks to all individuals who work in these different professions. This year in your roles, you all faced many challenges brought on by the coronavirus crisis. Teachers are experiencing different ways of delivering lessons and work hard to keep our students focused as they connect virtually. Nursing, healthcare and EMS professionals took caregiving and health protections to new levels as they rendered help and care to patients. We appreciate all that you do. You, too, are our community heroes.