



County Commissioners of Kent County, MD Department of Parks & Recreation



SUMMER 2020 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION OPERATIONS UPDATE

June 12, 2020

KCPR Administrative Offices / KCCC:

Until further notice, County Government offices remain CLOSED to the public, however staff are teleworking (answering calls and responding to emails during normal business hours from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays).

Summer Camps: Summer Camp programs will not be offered this summer. All camp programs (Kiddie Camp, Day Camp, Youth in Action Camp and Leaders Club) are cancelled.

Swimming Pools UPDATE: All County Swimming Pools (Bayside/Rock Hall, Millington and KCCC/Worton) will be **CLOSED FOR THE SEASON** *due to inadequate staffing levels* that do not allow for safe operations of facilities.

Betterton Beach & Still Pond Station Park Beach: County beaches will operate under a “LIFEGUARDS NOT ON DUTY – SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK” status for the full summer season.

The current Kent County parks and beach use guidelines during COVID-19 remain in effect until further notice.

Betterton Beach and Still Pond Station Park Beach are open for local / Kent County residents’ use only. Strictly enforced restrictions and conditions are posted onsite at parks and beaches and must be adhered to by all individuals who are on the property.

~PARK AND BEACH MONITORS ARE ONSITE DAILY TO ENSURE PROPER SOCIAL/PHYSICAL DISTANCING, GATHERINGS ARE NOT GREATER THAN 10 PEOPLE AND RULES & REGULATIONS ARE FOLLOWED.

~PLEASE BE KIND TO STAFF – THEY ARE THERE TO DO THEIR JOB AND TO ENFORCE THE RULES~

~THE RULES ARE THE RULES AND THEY ARE NOT UP FOR DEBATE WITH ONSITE STAFF~

~PLEASE DO YOUR PART AND FOLLOW THE RULES – WE DON’T EXPECT YOU TO LIKE ALL OF THE RULES, BUT WE DO EXPECT YOU TO FOLLOW ALL OF THE RULES~

~IF YOU GO TO A PARK OR A COUNTY OWNED BEACH, YOUR PRESENCE ON THE PROPERTY IS YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES~

For information on park and beach use guidelines, please click the links below:

County Parks:

<http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Kent%20County%20Park%20Use%20Guidelines%20Notice%20COVID-19%20-%20Revised%20May%208,%202020.pdf>

Betterton Beach & Still Pond Station Park Beach:

<http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Betterton%20Beach%20and%20Still%20Pond%20Station%20Beach%20-%20Kent%20County%20Park%20Use%20Guidelines%20Notice%20COVID-19%20-%20June%208%202020.pdf>

Parques Publicos:

<http://www.kentparksandrec.org/SPANISH%20Kent%20County%20Park%20Use%20Guidelines%20Notice%20COVID-19%20-%20Revised%20May%208%202020.pdf>

La Playa de Betterton:

<http://www.kentparksandrec.org/SPANISH%20Betterton%20Beach%20-%20Kent%20County%20Park%20Use%20Guidelines%20Notice%20COVID-19%20-%20Revised%20May%208%202020.pdf>

~A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION~

Greetings!

We understand that the decision to cancel summer camp programs and not open swimming pools may have a significant impact to children, youth and families, and we understand that many will be disappointed. Please know that we are also disappointed, as we never imagined not offering summer camps or not opening swimming pools would ever be the case. The health, safety and well-being of children, families and staff is our highest priority and we feel these decisions are the best under the current circumstances to ensure everyone remains healthy and safe. We look forward to offering safe, engaging and rewarding summer camp programs and the opening of swimming pool facilities next year.

Wishing all remain safe and healthy,
Myra S. Butler, CPRP, CPO | Director