



April 21, 2020

The Town of Port Royal will reopen the Boardwalk and Observation Tower at the Sands Beach Landing tomorrow, April 22, 2020, at noon for recreational use within the parameters for social distancing and group gatherings per Governor McMaster's executive orders.

The Town will also reopen Sands Beach to walking, running, and cycling tomorrow. The Town will not be allowing the following items on Sands Beach:

- Motor vehicles
- Golf carts
- Chairs
- Coolers
- Beach towels
- Umbrellas

This is not an exhaustive list and town officials reserve the right to review and amend as necessary.

These actions are being taken in deference to Governor McMaster's "home or work" order, which allows South Carolinians to go to work, visit family and buy essential goods or services. The order does allow exercising outdoors or going for a walk, so the Town has crafted the reopening to respect the executive order and give access to citizens within the law. Users of Sands Beach must comply with social distancing guidelines and improper gatherings of more than three individuals will be dispersed. Failure to comply will result in penalties per the executive order and could also result in a trespass notice to violators.

Many communities are choosing not to reopen facilities; however, the Town has faith that our citizens and visitors will choose to abide by the laws, which will allow Sands Beach to remain open.

Sands Beach will be open daily from 8am to 5pm.