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## Wildwood Crest provides updates on COVID-19 restrictions

WILDWOOD CREST – The Borough of Wildwood Crest has announced updates on previously decreed restrictions put in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Current restrictions are as follows:

**BEACH/BIKE PATH:** The entire length of the Wildwood Crest beach and the beachfront portion of the Wildwood Crest Bike Path (Cresse Avenue to Rambler Road) are currently closed to the public for all activities. The borough has announced tentative plans to open both the beach and the bike path for all activities beginning May 8. These openings are contingent on any new restrictions or mandates put forth by the State of New Jersey or the County of Cape May.

**PUBLIC PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:** All public parks and playgrounds in the borough are currently closed. The borough has announced tentative plans to open these facilities beginning May 8, contingent on any new restrictions or mandates put forth by the State of New Jersey or the County of Cape May.

**BOROUGH BUILDINGS/FACILITIES:** All Borough of Wildwood Crest public buildings remain closed. This includes Borough Hall, Crest Pier Recreation Center, Joseph Von Savage Memorial Pool, Department of Public Works facility, Wildwood Crest Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 building and Nesbitt Tourism Information Center. These buildings are currently closed indefinitely.

**SEWER RENT PAYMENTS:** The deadline for payments of first-quarter sewer rents has been extended to May 1, with a 10-day grace period. The previous deadline was April 1.

**MERCANTILE LICENSES:** The deadline for payment of 2020 borough mercantile license fees has been extended to June 1. The previous deadline was May 1.

**PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS:** The due date for second-quarter property tax payments (May 1) and penalties for late payments have not changed. Any potential changes to property tax payment deadlines can only be made by the State of New Jersey. The borough is considering temporarily lowering the interest rate penalties for late payments. More information may be forthcoming.

**SHORT-TERM RENTALS:** As per a resolution passed by the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders on April 7, short-term rentals to transient or seasonal guests are prohibited. Exceptions include those listed in New Jersey Office of Emergency Management Order 2020-8; employees of local, county, state or federal agencies requiring housing as part of their official duties; and employees of essential businesses requiring housing as part of their official duties.

In conjunction with the County of Cape May, the Borough of Wildwood Crest is also involved in developing plans for the reopening of area businesses. In addition, the borough is currently working on plans to loosen restrictions on businesses in order to help aid their financial recoveries.

For further information, contact the Borough of Wildwood Crest at (609) 522-5176.

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