



## Beaches, community pools reopen with restrictions to protect health

Summer is finally here! There are beaches, pools, and parks to relax in, ice cream and grilled food to savor, and sandals to wear. Yet due to the relentless COVID-19 pandemic, certain requirements are in place to protect public health.

Governor John Carney lifted the restrictions on Delaware beaches and community pools effective Friday, May 22 at 5:00 p.m. – the start of Memorial Day weekend. The mandatory 14-day quarantine for out-of-state residents and the ban on short-term rentals remains in effect. Non-Delawareans in Delaware for at least 14 days can use the beaches.

The strict social distancing and hygiene requirements that accompany the reopening of Delaware's beaches include:

- Beachgoers must maintain at least 6 feet of distance between themselves and anyone outside their household.
- Face coverings must be worn on the boardwalk and are encouraged on the beach.
- Restaurants and bars are limited to delivery and take-out services only.

"It's incredibly important that everyone exercise common sense and follow the restrictions so we don't have a re-resurgence in cases of COVID-19 and are forced to tighten them again," said Division of Public Health Director Dr. Karyl Rattay.

Details about the [DPH guidance on reopening public and community swimming pools](https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/) and [communities of worship](https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/) are posted at <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/>.

Individuals with underlying health conditions or who are over 65 should continue to shelter in place.



## State announces COVID-19 testing

The State of Delaware, in partnership with its health partners, plans to conduct 80,000 saliva-based COVID-19 tests monthly. The State will prioritize testing under the new statewide program for:

- Any symptomatic individual
- Any person with known COVID-19 exposure
- All long-term care residents
- Members of vulnerable communities (low-income, Latino, African American, seniors)
- Certain front-line essential employees

For more information about a variety of testing options in Delaware, visit [de.gov/coronavirus](https://de.gov/coronavirus).

Do not eat, drink, or brush teeth 20 minutes prior to the test. Beforehand, watch videos in English ([de.gov/testing](https://de.gov/testing)) and/or Spanish ([de.gov/pruebas](https://de.gov/pruebas)).

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Delaware must meet other criteria based on guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the White House Task Force: a 14-day decline in percent of positive cases, the ability to treat COVID-19 patients in hospitals without crisis care, and extensive testing programs for health care workers.

For information about [Delaware's Phase 1 economic reopening](https://de.gov/economy) and recovery efforts, visit [de.gov/economy](https://de.gov/economy).

For general information about COVID-19, including posters and guidance for businesses and manufacturers, visit [de.gov/coronavirus](https://de.gov/coronavirus).

For COVID-19 data for Delaware, visit the DPH data portal, [MyHealthyCommunity.dhss.delaware.gov](https://MyHealthyCommunity.dhss.delaware.gov). Its COVID-19 page is at [de.gov/healthycommunity](https://de.gov/healthycommunity).

