



## BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR

# FAQS COVID-19

Below are answers to some Frequently Asked Questions. Borough Hall is now open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Appointments are still strongly encouraged. A face-covering is required for entrance and social distancing must be maintained at all times. A list of emails for key personnel can be found at the end of this document.

## BEACHES, RECREATION & EVENTS

### Are the beaches open?

Beaches are open for both active and passive activity. Beach chairs and blankets can be utilized. However, due to the Governor's executive order, organized games, contact sports, sports camps and events are prohibited. Social distancing regulations must be followed. Families who come to the beach should remain at least six feet apart from other blankets and chairs. The beaches will be patrolled to make sure that social distancing practices are followed and there are no large groups of people gathered. The Borough of Stone Harbor strongly recommends (per CDC guidelines) the use of face coverings when outdoors in community settings to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. All regular beach regulations continue to apply. Public restrooms at the 95th Street beach and those at 96th St. and Second Ave are open. The portable toilets at the Point parking lot are also open.

### What do I need to know about Beach Tags?

Beach Tags are required for all persons 12 years of age and older from the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend (May 22nd, 2020) through Monday of Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 6th, 2020), 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Is the marina open?

The Municipal Marina/Boat Ramp, as well as the lot located at 81st Street & the bay, are open. All residents and visitors are reminded to adhere to strict CDC guidelines concerning social distancing at all times.

### Are recreation facilities and playgrounds open?

Playgrounds, Tennis courts and Pickleball courts are open. All players are strongly encouraged to make reservations prior to arrival. Fees apply. Please visit [StoneHarborRecreation.com](http://StoneHarborRecreation.com) for complete details and guidelines. Basketball Courts are open, but visitors must bring their own equipment. No league play is allowed. Only play with the people that arrived with you.

### What events have been canceled?

Most Borough and Chamber of Commerce Sponsored events scheduled through October 31st are cancelled or postponed until further notice. This includes:

- Savor September Wine, Beer & Food Festival - Sept. 26
- Kids' Harvest Festival - Oct. 24th

Please refer to our website event calendar for updates. The event schedule will be evaluated frequently and updates will be made accordingly. Follow us on Facebook for updates, as well.

[facebook.com/BoroughofStoneHarbor](https://facebook.com/BoroughofStoneHarbor)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Do I need to quarantine if I have arrived from another State?

Governor Murphy has advised individuals traveling to New Jersey from thirty five States and Territories with significant community spread of COVID-19 to quarantine for a 14-day period from the time of last contact within the identified state. The travel advisory applies to any person arriving from a state with a positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents or a state with a 10%, or higher, positivity rate over a 7-day rolling average.

As of Tuesday, September 8th, there are currently 35 States and Territories total that meet the criteria stated above: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Iowa, Idaho, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, and West Virginia

### Is the town closed?

No, however the Governor has issued Executive Orders that place restrictions on businesses. Retail businesses are permitted to open for "limited" retail. Please note that face-coverings must be worn to enter a business and there are capacity limitations in place, so you may have to wait to enter. Please note that outdoor gatherings over 500 persons are prohibited, and indoor gatherings are limited to 25% of a building's capacity, with a maximum capacity of 125. Social distancing requirements are still in effect. If you decide to visit, understand that the same restrictions apply in Stone Harbor as in the rest of New Jersey.

### I own a second home in Stone Harbor. Can I come down to my house?

Yes, you may visit your second home. Please understand that the Borough of Stone Harbor trusts its residents, homeowners and visitors to adhere to all Executive Orders and the social distancing requirements set forth by the State of New Jersey.

### When and where do I need to wear a face-covering or mask?

Face coverings are now REQUIRED in outdoor public spaces in New Jersey when social distancing is not practicable. All individuals are also required to wear a face mask or cloth face-covering when entering a business, picking up take out food, engaging in curbside pick-up or outdoor sales, or attending any outdoor Borough-sponsored event. Per CDC guidelines, the use of cloth face coverings when outdoors in community settings helps reduce the spread of COVID-19. There is a growing body of evidence that asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic individuals can spread the virus. Wearing a simple cloth face covering is not a replacement for social distancing and does not exempt anyone from social distancing requirements.

## RETAIL & PRIVATE BUSINESS

### Are restaurants & stores open?

Many restaurants are open during their normal business hours for takeout and outdoor dining. Indoor dining may resume at 25% capacity, along with strict social distancing requirements, on September 4th. Retail stores may be open, as well. A face-covering or mask is required to enter the business and there are capacity limitations in place that must be followed. Social distancing must be practiced at all times.

### Are Short-Term Rentals Allowed?

Yes, short-term rentals are now allowed.

### Are Hotel and Condominium Pools Open?

Swimming pools at hotels/motels and condominium are open with applicable social distancing requirements.

### Can I have construction work done on my home?

Yes, non-essential construction resumed on May 18th.

### Can landscapers work?

Yes, provided one worker per vehicle and social distancing must be maintained at the job site.

### Will there be a Farmers Market?

The Farmers Market is held every Sunday through September 27th. Face coverings are required for entrance and social distancing must be practiced. Capacity requirements are in place to ensure social distancing. Please be aware that you may have to wait to enter. Enter the market from 95th Street.

## BOROUGH SERVICES

### Is Borough Hall open?

Borough Hall is now open to the public Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Compliance to certain conditions apply. A link to the conditions for appointments can be found on the home page of SHNJ.org. Calls will be answered during regular business hours, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. See email list at the end of this document.

***Note: For your convenience a drop box has been installed at the 95th Street door to Borough Hall (the old library entrance), if you would like to drop off payments or paperwork for any department. Please make sure your documents and/or payment are in a sealed envelope. Do not include cash.***

### Will my trash be picked up?

The summer trash schedule is in effect. Residential trash pick up occurs twice per week. Please call the the Department of Public Works (609-368-7311) if you have questions.

### Are Fire Inspections being conducted?

Fire Inspections have resumed for rentals and businesses.

### Is there a way to check on my elderly relatives & friends living in Stone Harbor?

If you are concerned about the well-being of friends or relatives living in Stone Harbor, please send an email message to info@SHNJ.org and a police officer will check on them.

### Are Construction Inspections still being conducted?

The Construction Office is still performing inspections daily. We request that job sites be clear of any contractor's personnel prior to our arrival.

### Where can I get answers about my Property and Tax Assessment?

Information about Block and Lot numbers, square footage and year built can be found on our website on the Tax Collection page under "Property Tax Look Up Only." You can search by name, block and lot or property location. Listed below the taxes due section, is the MODIV information. You can find the information listed above in addition to a copy of the annual Chapter 75 Notice of Assessment for 2020 along with the Taxes Billed for 2019 and the last recorded deed book and page. Address changes must be submitted in writing by the homeowner. There is a form on the website under downloadable forms.

## **BOROUGH SERVICES (continued)**

### **When will I receive my Homestead Benefit Credit?**

Because the COVID-19 pandemic is anticipated to negatively impact the State economy, the New Jersey Department of the Treasury has frozen a portion of spending in order to ensure the State can meet its emergency and statutorily required obligations. Regrettably, this includes freezing funding to support the 2017 Homestead Benefit program. As a result, any credits intended to be applied to the May 1st property tax bills can no longer be supported by the State at this time. We empathize with homeowners who depend on these credits, but these proactive steps are necessary at this time.

### **Can I pay my taxes online through the Borough's website?**

Unfortunately, no. However, at this time, it is strongly recommended to utilize your bank's online bill pay module, if possible; please include your block & lot and/or utilities account number. Alternatively, direct debit payment is available for tax & utilities payments. You can find the authorization agreement form on this website in the Borough Forms Tab. If you wish to sign up for direct debit, the authorization agreement and (mandatory) voided check must be received in the tax collector's office by May 21, to commence auto pay for the August 1st tax installment.

### **How can I get the amount I owe for my taxes if Borough Hall is closed?**

You can look up your taxes on this website under Online Services/Property Tax Look-Up. There is a wealth of tax information available on this portal!

### **What if I need to speak with the tax collector?**

The tax collector can be reached Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

### **How do I pay a ticket?**

In-person payments can be made Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - Noon. Payments can be made by mail or online at NJcourtsonline.com. Please be aware that only tickets can be paid online. Payments can be mailed to: Violations Bureau, Stone Harbor Borough Hall, 9508 Second Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247

### **How do I contact the Court?**

Please call 609-368-2411 and leave a message. The staff is checking messages and will get back to you as soon as possible. Responses may take a day, or two, as the staff is working on a limited basis.

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