



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



## BETTERTON BEACH USE GUIDELINES NOTICE

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The following policies related to Kent County park use, capacity and enforcement have been implemented in partnership with The Town of Betterton in accordance with

### Governor Larry Hogan's Proclamation for a State of Emergency and Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency - COVID-19 and Kent County Health Department

Betterton Beach is **OPEN FOR USE BY LOCAL / KENT COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY** for lawful recreational pursuits during daylight hours until further notice. The primary purpose of allowing patrons on the beach during the health crisis is for individual or small group exercise and a chance to enjoy the fresh air and the beautiful view. **Compliance with RESTRICTIONS and CONDITIONS as outlined herein is required. As applicable, Guidelines supersede pre-COVID-19 regulations until further notice.**

- High congestion, traffic and use areas such as select parking lots, pavilions, playgrounds and shelters are **CLOSED** for public use.
- **Limited restroom facilities** are “use at your own risk of contracting COVID-19.”
- **Face covers are highly encouraged.**
- **Until announced and or permitted otherwise, ABSOLUTELY:**
  - **NO Blankets**
  - **NO Chairs**
  - **NO Tables**
  - **NO Tents**
  - **NO Sand Toys**
  - **NO Games**
  - **NO Picnicking (Food Brought Onsite or Prepared Onsite)**
- Patrons must responsibly follow gathering and social distancing guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to ensure a safe environment for employees and other guests.
- Patrons **MUST PRACTICE SOCIAL/PHYSICAL DISTANCING** by keeping distance between yourself and others and avoiding crowds.
  - ***Social/physical distancing is the best way to slow the spread of COVID-19.***
    - Avoid handshaking, hugging and other intimate types of greeting • Avoid non-essential travel • Avoid crowds, especially in poorly ventilated spaces • Avoid unnecessary errands - consider ways to have essential items, like food and other household supplies, brought to you through delivery services or through family or social networks.
- **County Government employees/park personnel have full authority and shall disperse groups and large gatherings greater than 10 people. PROOF OF RESIDENCY may be required to be presented upon request. Violators who do not comply with regulations will be asked to leave the premises.** Failure to leave premises after so directed shall be considered criminal trespassing which will result in a request for assistance from **LAW ENFORCEMENT.**