

May 21, 2020

Good afternoon,

The year 2020 is moving quickly as June approaches and events have already had us reflect on what is important. We have seen significant impacts on our families and a new understanding that we have to work together as communities, states and a Nation. The upcoming Memorial Day Holiday is also a time to remember and give thanks. We need to remember the men and women who died in military service for the past 243 years and show our gratitude for their honor and sacrifice for our Nation. We are a nation that understands we have our freedom and rights because of their service and sacrifice. We are a grateful Nation.

We will move to Phase 2 of the Governor's Plan on Friday, May 22, 2020 at 5:00 PM. However, there are some actions we ask that you understand and use as we move forward:

- ✓ Please adhere to regulations as outlined in the Governor's Phase 2 plan
- ✓ Please continue to take actions that flatten the curve follow recommendations of the CDC
- ✓ Please show patience, kindness, and compassion in your daily activities

We will continue to keep our Town Hall and other town offices closed. We are still assembling the supplies and equipment needed to protect employees as well the public. Please know our staff is available by appointment, by telephone or email.

We will open our Town Center Park; however, per Governor Cooper's Executive Order 141, the children's playground area will remain closed. The restrooms will be open and cleaned daily. Please understand if we find housekeeping issues in the restrooms that are the results of misuse, we will consider closing the restrooms for the safety and health of all.

Everyone deserves to feel safe from being infected by the COVID-19 virus. We ask that at all times everyone respect and follow rules that protect those with under lying condition, our employees, our visitors and our property owners. We do encourage that you support our Topsail Beach businesses.

Topsail Beach has not experienced the COVID-19 virus in our community; however, our extended families in other communities have felt its impact. Please practice the appropriate social distancing in all activities on land and water.

Please enjoy the summer with family and friends. Please stay safe and follow CDC recommendations.

Regards Steve Smith, Mayor Town of Topsail Beach