

**Chatham Borough
Directive Opening Parks and Recreation Areas**

The Borough of Chatham recognizes that that access to Borough parks provides residents with the opportunity for respite, health and wellness and that it is appropriate to ensure Borough residents the safe enjoyment of outdoor recreation opportunities for their physical and mental well-being, subject to reasonable restrictions and adequate social distancing that limit the spread of COVID-19. Accordingly, consistent with the Executive Orders 133 and 143 issued by Governor Phil Murphy, all parks in the Borough of Chatham shall be open to the public commencing Friday, May 15, 2020, for the strictly defined purpose of allowing residents to engage in the following passive recreational activities in which social distancing can be readily achieved: Hiking; Walking; Running or Jogging; Biking; Bird-Watching; Dog Walking; and Fishing. Consistent with Executive Order 143, picnicking shall also be permitted provided that social distancing requirements are observed, except that picnic areas shall remain closed as set forth herein.

However, use of the following shall remain closed to the public at all Chatham Borough parks: Playgrounds; Pavilions; Picnic Areas, Tennis Courts; and other buildings or facilities.

The following policies shall apply to all park visitors: social distancing between members of separate households shall be maintained at all time; cloth face coverings (face masks) shall be worn in all settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, except where doing so would inhibit that individual's health or where the individual is under two years of age; no organized or contact activities or sports shall be allowed; and gatherings of individuals are prohibited.

This directive shall be interpreted and enforced consistent with the Governor’s Executive Orders, including but not limited to Executive Orders 133 and 143. All prior directives that are inconsistent with this directive are hereby rescinded.

The provisions of this directive are severable. If any part of this directive is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

This directive shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in effect until revoked or modified by the Governor or the Borough of Chatham to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of the Governor’s Executive Orders or Administrative Orders issued pursuant thereto.

Dated: May 20, 2020

/s/ Thaddeus J. Kobylarz

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