# BEACH HUT GUIDANCE

Further to the Government announcement on 23 June 2020 where 'one metre plus' rule was introduced, beach huts will start to reopen from Saturday 4 July.

Please familiarise yourself with this guidance to help you make the most of your beach hut.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your patience and understanding.

This has been a very challenging time for us all.

We sincerely hope you are able to enjoy the rest of the season.

**Your Leisure Beach Team** 







Beach Hut Customers will be aware that Your Leisure has and remains in constant dialogue with the Local Authority in determining the feasibility of reinstating the Beach Hut service. Both Your Leisure and Thanet District Council, based on the following, can confirm you will be able to use your beach hut with effect from Saturday 4 July 2020.

If you choose to visit your beach hut it is important you understand the following information:

## **COVID-19 Symptoms**

Anyone showing signs of symptoms of the Covid-19 virus must stay at home and follow the current advice and guidance.

### Hand Hygiene

We encourage you to carry and use Hand Sanitiser if soap and water facilities are not readily available.

### **Social distancing**

It is important that where you can, you maintain 2 metre distance from beach hut users and the public as you would normally do, however where 2 metres is not possible, we advise that you follow the recent guidance to maintain 1 metre plus and use common sense and consideration whilst airing on the side of caution. This will mean working with your neighbouring tenants in maintaining the current distancing rules e.g. sit side by side, not face to face.

It is important that consideration be given to other users of the beaches and promenades and we ask that you be considerate in respecting their rights to enjoy the public space.

These are exceptional circumstances and for us to enable access to your hut your co-operation will be expected.

We ask that, where possible and if you are physically able to, tables and chairs be taken to the closest beach and used there, not used on the promenades particularly if the promenade does not provide space and consideration to others.

This measure will help ensure your safety as well as the safety of other members of the public. We appreciate some of our hirers may not be physically able to do this.

# Social gatherings

We know beach huts are usually a place for you to host gatherings with friends and family. However, this is all very new to all of us and it is important you follow the latest government advice around social gatherings following the easing of restrictions.

Please remember that social distancing and limiting contact with those outside of your household remains important in controlling the covid-19 virus therefore we encourage you to be sensible and considerate to your hut neighbours and others using beaches and promenades.

### **Your Leisure Team Members**

Our staff will be present for general beach hut enquiries and to provide information to beach users. Initially our colleagues will be very busy issuing seasonal hut keys. Seasonal hut keys can be obtained from the Bay Inspector with effect from Thursday 2nd July.

# <u>Please note, you must not use your hut until</u> <u>Saturday 4th July.</u>

We kindly ask that you observe the social distancing guidance when approaching our colleagues. We will not tolerate abusive behaviour being directed towards our colleagues. Therefore, should any of our colleagues feel vulnerable or at threat, we have advised them to report such behaviour including hut number and bay to the management team. This may result in customers having their agreement terminated.

Our colleagues have also been advised that should they feel vulnerable or at threat from other beach users, they are to remove themselves from the vicinity immediately, not place themselves at risk and report all incidents of abusive behaviour to the relevant authorities. Should something be deemed as being in breach of the bylaws our staff will advise accordingly.