**Galveston Beach FAQ’s**From The Galveston Convention & Visitor’s Bureau
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* Galveston’s beaches are currently closed to visitors and residents. The island is abiding by the recommendations of health and government officials to combat COVID-19 and is committed to welcoming visitors back this summer – as soon as it is safe to do so. For updates, visit galveston.com.

***Are the beaches in Galveston open?***

* For the safety of our residents, health care workers, first responders, and visitors, the City of Galveston closed the beaches on March 29. The beach closures and other directives, including a stay at home order, will likely remain in effect until the orders expire or are cancelled. As difficult as it is to close beaches, these initiatives are our best efforts to help flatten the curve and stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We look forward to welcoming you back to the beach as soon as these orders are lifted.

***Can I visit the beach if I am a Galveston resident?***

* As a safety precaution, the beaches are closed to everyone. We hope this sacrifice now will help us get back to normal by summer. In addition, Texas state law does not allow beaches to be deemed private or designated for residents.

***Can I still visit Galveston Island?***

* We deeply miss our Galveston visitors, but currently the short answer is no. We need everyone’s help in reducing health risks here on the island so that we can re-open our businesses, restaurants and attractions as soon as possible. We can’t wait to welcome you back this summer! Until then you can visit us virtually, or even use your time safe at home to plan your next trip to Galveston. Visit [www.galveston.com](http://www.galveston.com) for great ideas for planning your future visits to the Island. Follow us @GalvestonIsland to stay connected and check in on Galveston with live webcams, virtual tours of our attractions and island-style educational resources for families.

***Can I stay in a hotel or vacation rental on the Island?***

* Current restrictions on hotels and vacation rentals prohibit people from renting rooms for leisure purposes or for short-stay durations. We look forward to welcoming you once these orders are lifted. For specific details on the restrictions in place, view the order [here](https://www.galvestontx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10603/COVID-19-Amended-Order-Mandating-Closure-of-Short-Term-Rental-Facilities?fbclid=IwAR0_qx443RfsxTUU6-b9QEsRzyPQFy0C_soUrXq4Lpx4rnA2bTKNnTXbbGY).