

Reopening Avalon and Hamilton Cove

The decision to reopen Hamilton Cove does not reside with the Board of Directors.

I wish I could provide a definitive answer to the question: When will Avalon and Hamilton Cove reopen? I watched the 2.5-hour City Council Meeting on May 27th. The only conclusion I reached is that Avalon is trying to reopen June 1st, but it has not completed the necessary steps to do so. From a practical standpoint I do not see how it can do so by that date.

Multiple orders apply to Avalon. First, the Governor; second, the State Health Officer; third, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and fourth, the Los Angeles County Health Officer. Avalon needs approval of all four to go forward and reopen. What the City Council voted on at its meeting was to send a letter to the four entities outlining its plan to reopen and seeking permission to go forward. As best I can tell, if it receives permission from the four entities the City Council must meet again and amend the existing City orders.

The driving force is economic. All the businesses want to reopen. Hotels and Short Term Renters want to reopen. However, there are extensive protocols that must be met to reopen and to be followed once everything is reopened. For example, the County mandates social distancing and masks in public. The protocols for reopening our pool is four pages long single spaced. See attached. I am certain there will be protocols for engaging in Short Term Renting. See attached hotel guidelines.

The Board has the responsibility to protect our employees. They collect the trash. They clean up after us. They clean the bathrooms. They enforce our Rules. The most recent County Order provides as follows:

20. For purposes of this Order, the "Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol" that must be implemented and posted must demonstrate how the following infection control measures are being implemented and achieved, as applicable:

- a) Limiting the number of people who may enter into the facility at any one time to ensure that people in the facility can easily maintain a minimum six (6) foot physical distance from others, at all times, except as required to complete a business activity or transaction. Members of a single household or living unit may stand or move together but must be separated from others by a physical distance of at least six (6) feet.
- b) Where lines may form at a facility, marking six (6) foot increments at a minimum, establishing where individuals should stand to maintain adequate Social (Physical) Distancing, whether inside or outside the facility.
- c) Providing hand sanitizer, soap and water, or effective disinfectant at or

- near the entrance of the facility and in other appropriate areas for use by the public and employees, and in locations where there is high-frequency employee interaction with members of the public (e.g., cashiers). Restrooms normally open to the public shall remain open to the public.
- d) Posting a sign in a conspicuous place at all public entries that instructs the public not to enter if they are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness, including fever or cough, to wear face coverings, and to maintain Social (Physical) Distancing from one another.
 - e) Providing for the regular disinfection of high-touch surfaces, and disinfection of all payment portals, pens, and styluses after each use. All businesses are encouraged to also offer touchless payment mechanisms, if feasible.
 - f) Providing cloth-face coverings to employees and contracted workers whose duties require close contact with other employees and/or the public.
 - g) Requiring that members of the public who enter the facility wear a face-covering, which reduces the risk of "asymptomatic" or "pre-symptomatic" transmission to workers and others, during their time in the facility.
 - h) Adhering to communicable disease control protocols provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, including requirements for cleaning and disinfecting the site. See protocols posted at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/Imedia/Coronavirus/

That is how we are required to operate now whether we fully reopen or not.

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