

EDICT

Benidorm City Council, after deliberation by the Governing Board and after hearing the Board of Spokespersons

INFORM:

That the City of Benidorm, since the beginning of the current state of alarm, established as a priority objective to avoid the transmission, contagion and spread of the coronavirus, Covid-19, adopting the appropriate prevention measures in relation to municipal services, spaces, facilities, activities and events and its closure to the general public, including our beaches, open to the general public on June 15.

Given the evolution of the current situation of health crisis due to the coronavirus, Covid19, with the end of the State of Alarm throughout Spain, Benidorm City Council activates the following measures that reach our beaches and coves, which affect the entire population of Benidorm and to our visitors, in development and compliance with the state orders issued by the Ministry of Health:

Starting on June 23, the following measures are established in response to certain hygienic-sanitary circumstances, access control, capacity and timetables that are detailed below:

Swimming and stay hours on beaches and coves will be from **9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, and may be, depending on demand, totally or partially evicted from users from **14:00 to 16:00** hours, in which case a second period of occupation is established from **16:00 to 21:00** , in which they must be completely free of users, until 9:00 a.m. the following day and, in general , the stay and walks of people outside these time zones are prohibited (from 21:00 h. to 9:00 h.), except for the following:

1.- Cleaning, surveillance and security services.

2.- Punctual walks and baths from 07:00 h. until 08:45 h. in this sense the access must be through the entry and exit points set up for this purpose, and beaches must be free of users at 08:45.

-You will only be able to access the beaches and coves through authorized places, recommending users to wear footwear adapted to the surface to be traveled (walkways, ramps, etc.) within the regulated hours and prior reservation of the area to be used by established systems or previous passage through the access point when authorized by access control personnel.

- Three types of delimited spaces are distinguished in Levante, Poniente and Mal Pas beaches:

a) Hammock area: according to concession rules.

b) Seniors space: reserved for people over 60 years old (spaces marked with green color).

c) Public space in general: rest of the population and people over 60 years of age who wish it, (spaces marked with blue color).

All the plots of points b) and c) will have a maximum occupancy of 4 (four) people, being able to increase the type b) plots (spaces delimited with blue color), up to a maximum of 5 (five) if one is under 6 years.

The permanence of people in any of the spaces will be limited to the designated strip of sand, in which it must remain without invading the neighboring ones, and the bathing area must be accessed through the access and / or transit enabled areas. . You can walk along the shore of the beach keeping in any case the minimum safety distance of 1.5 meters, the use of the mask being mandatory, according to RDL 21/2020 of June 9, for urgent measures of prevention, containment and coordination to face the health crisis caused by COVID-19, if the established physical distance cannot be maintained.

The practice of sports is authorized in the areas enabled on a permanent basis (beach volleyball and beach football), attending at all times to the safety and health-sanitary measures established by the Government of Spain for sports. In any case, it is prohibited all kinds of games outside the established areas, such as ball games, paddles, etc.

At the intersection with other people or groups of people not living together, both in the bathing area and in the sand area, the interpersonal security distance of 1.5 meters will be kept.

The use of footbaths is limited to leaving the beach. The use of the same must be done with suitable footwear. The use of soaps is not allowed and, at all times, users must maintain a separation distance of 1.5 meters.

Litter bins are suppressed on all beaches to avoid risks of contagion. Therefore, it is expressly prohibited to deposit and / or abandon any type of object and / or residue on beaches and coves when leaving. The waste generated during the stay on the beaches and coves, must be deposited in suitable bags and removed outside beaches and coves by the people who generate them.

Children's games, bio-healthy exercise equipment, calisthenics or others will remain closed, and cannot be used, and the beachlibrary will be closed in their usual services.

A 6-meter walk zone is enabled from the shore to the stay area where you cannot sit, lie down or stay still, except in the case of children under 10 years of age. For the rest of the population, it is only a transit zone. The instructions of the access control to the beaches and coves given by the personnel must be met, as well as the information and accommodation personnel to the assigned beach areas must be followed; otherwise, they will be proposed for denunciation and sanction by the police and beach inspection services.

Any breach of what is established in the present Edict, will be considered as disobedience or resistance to the authority or its agents in the exercise of their functions, being this sanction municipal competence, and the offending persons may be sanctioned with a fine of 700 euros, for breach of article 36, section 6, of the Organic Law 4/2015, of Protection of Citizen Security.

The aforementioned breaches of Organic Law 4/2015, which may be sanctioned in relation to activities not allowed on beaches and coves of Benidorm, from the day of its reopening to the public, and until new order or Edict, they will be the following (among others):

- Entering and / or stay on beaches and coves of Benidorm municipality outside the permitted hours, or through unauthorized places. -Not obeying the instructions of the auxiliary beach staff, both in the accesses to beaches and coves, as well as inside them. In particular, not obeying the indications to leave beaches and coves when the permitted hours of stay are met.
- Access to beaches and coves of the municipality of Benidorm without authorization by the established systems or without waiting in the access points.
- Practicing any activity without keeping the appropriate interpersonal safety measures with other beach users not belonging to their coexistence group, putting other people at risk of contagion. In particular, emphasis will be placed on ensuring that no illegal activity is performed on beaches and coves, such as street sales of products of any kind, offering body massages, street advertising, etc. The performance of any of these activities must also be reported to other competent bodies in the matter such as, for example, the health authority of the Valencian Community.
- Throwing or leaving any type of object or residue on beaches or coves.

Regardless of all this, strict compliance with the current regulations on beaches will continue to be required, such as the current Beach Ordinance of Benidorm City Council, the Municipal Environment Ordinance and other state and regional regulations on beaches, especially in what affects hygienic-sanitary measures.

Therefore, appealing to the general interest and responsibility of people of Benidorm and of all the people who visit our beaches, this is why the present edict is made public for general knowledge and compliance, in Benidorm, on June 23, 2020.