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Chincoteague Island, Virginia's Only Resort Island WE'RE OPEN ... And we want the world to know it!!

Chincoteague Island, VA—July 22, 2020: Chincoteague Island is now in Phase III of Governor Northam's Forward Virginia Plan to reopen the Commonwealth. Many restrictions have been lifted, indoor dining is available, pools are open, boat cruises are running and so much more. Please enjoy a sampling of the fun times ahead as you watch our "We're Open" video at <https://www.chincoteaguechamber.com/health-public-safety-awareness/>.

Restaurants are now open for inside dining, but a picnic at the beach or at one of the waterfront parks in town with take out from a fabulous restaurant or food truck can still be fun after spending hours on the calm waters of the Assateague and Chincoteague Channels in canoe, kayak, or boat. Swimming, sunbathing, hiking, or fishing can be enjoyed at Assateague Island National Seashore located within the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge which is open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Enjoy the Chincoteague Wild Pony herd in its natural habitat! You can see them from the nature trails, driving or biking along Beach Road or along the marshes of the Assateague Channel by boat. Rent a motorized scooter or low speed vehicle to explore the island at a leisurely pace if pedaling is not your speed. Nature cruises around the islands, guided history walking tours, mini golf, and of course, shopping will fill your days. Dinner at one of the beautiful restaurants on the Chincoteague Channel, waterfront park, or hotel balcony will afford a captivating sunset to end your fun-filled day. Please observe social distancing guidelines and wear face coverings inside all buildings and outside where social distancing is not possible to provide a safe experience for all.

What You Need to Know Before You Visit:

- Social Distancing will continue---allow 6 feet between yourself and another person
- Social Gatherings of 250 people or less are permitted
- Face Coverings are required in all businesses and public buildings
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently---Town public restrooms are open
- Restaurants may seat up to 100% capacity inside maintaining 6 feet between parties
- Gyms, pools, indoor exercise facilities open at 75%--10 feet physical distancing
- Indoor/outdoor pools open at 75%---10 feet between swimmers
- Assateague Island National Seashore (Public Beach) is open for recreation and fishing with limited lifeguard services.

Please check ChincoteagueChamber.com and the “What’s Open on CI?” page before you visit for any additional information that will make your stay more pleasant.

Your patience will be appreciated as our businesses strive to give you awesome service while adhering to all the safety measures they have put in place for your protection.

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About Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce & Certified Visitor Center

The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce is an organization whereby many different business interests have joined together in a combined manner to maximize their ability to attract and increase the number of visitors to Chincoteague Island. The ultimate goal of the organization is to communicate the message that Chincoteague, the “Beautiful Land Across the Water,” is the most desirable location to visit and/or vacation with family or friends.

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