



# Put-in-Bay's path forward to "Open"

A message from the community of Put-in-Bay

May 8, 2020

Dear Friends,

Governor DeWine's press conference Thursday, May 7th provided us with much needed guidance to begin the process of welcoming friends and guests back to the island. We love summer and the opportunity to share the island with you. Next week several island retail shops will open. Starting May 15<sup>th</sup> new cleaning protocols and guidelines will allow many of your favorite Island eating establishments to serve you outside. Time to book a stay at your favorite resort, hotel, B&B or rental home.

We are following all State of Ohio and CDC COVID guidelines. Island businesses are getting ready, bringing over cleaning supplies, PPE, and installing safe guards needed to ensure your upcoming trip to Put-in-Bay is memorable and **safe**.

We need your help to follow state recommendations and guidelines by wearing masks when requested, frequently washing your hands, and practicing social distancing. For your safety, our island employees, and our island residents, following these guidelines is critical.

The Miller Ferry will begin seven day a week hourly schedule starting Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please check MillerFerry.com for current schedule. The Jet-Express will start service Mid May. Check Jet-Express.com for departure times. Important island businesses like the hardware, general store, post office, gas station are open.

Starting May 15<sup>th</sup> you can anticipate golf cart rentals, DeRivera Park public bathrooms and some retail shops to join several restaurants for takeout and outside area seating. On May 21<sup>st</sup> new state guidelines allow "dine in" restaurants and bars to seat groups up to 10 people.

**Please check with individual island businesses for opening dates and hours of operations.**

Starting Saturday, May 9th some private marinas are accepting reservations. May 15th the village docks will open. The Put-in-Bay Airport and Township Parks are open. Ohio State parks are open for hiking and to enjoy nature, but visit parks.ohiodnr.gov for updates on camping. This is a great time for your family to enjoy nature and explore the island. Visit for a day or the weekend. Our lodging owners pledge "safely from your home to ours".

Our island community is slowly reopening Put-in-Bay. It is our promise to you to do everything we can to make your visit safe, family friendly and fun. From the moment you board the ferry, visit a retail shop, enjoy a meal, walk through our downtown, you can be confident that your health & safety is our top priority. **Plan now to visit, the wait is over.**

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