

Team Souda,

Greek officials have announced a phased approach to loosening the restrictions on movement and the re-opening of businesses and recreation areas. NSA Souda Bay leaders are reviewing the announcements to determine how they will affect our personnel and base facilities. An official decree has not yet been published; we will provide it and a translation when it is available.

There is a lot of anticipation for the opening of the Barber and Beauty shops on Monday, May 4. To that end, CAPT Tewell has directed that service members will have priority for at least the first week (M-F) so they can meet military grooming standards. CMC McDonough will work with Department Heads to develop an appointment schedule for the first week; they will not be made by the Barber and Beauty shop personnel. Service members waiting for appointments will wait outside the shop and must observe social distancing measures. Everyone, technicians and customers, must wear a mask when inside the Barber or Beauty shops. CAPT Tewell will evaluate the process and open appointments during the week for civilians once our service members have received haircuts. However, Saturday appointments are available to the entire community, civilians included, beginning Saturday, May 9. They can be made starting Monday, May 4, by calling 266-1606 on base or 282-102-1606 from a civilian phone.

The other facility you've asked about is the gym. We do not have a projected date for when the gym will be open.

Below is a list of the scheduled changes and openings for off-base public places. Please note that this list is subject to change and we will provide updates as we get more information. In all cases, social distancing must be maintained. Only a certain number of customers will be allowed in a store at a time, based on the size of the store. Please look for signs and follow the instructions of the staff. It will be **mandatory to wear a mask when you go into a store**. The penalty for not doing so is a **150 euros fine**. In addition, the restriction remains on gatherings of up to 10 people and a **fine of 1,000 euros** will be charged for those breaking this rule.

Beginning Monday, May 4:

- An SMS message or paperwork is no longer needed to leave your home for travel within the prefecture of residence. This means you can move freely within the Chania prefecture. You are still not allowed to travel outside of the Chania prefecture – to Rethymno, for example, and violators will be **fined 300 euros**.
- Measures remain in place in supermarkets, including the number of customers allowed in a store and social distancing while waiting in line.
- Up to two passengers plus the driver are allowed in a car. The rule allowing parents to travel with their children remains in place.
- Taxis will still allow only one passenger, unless traveling with underage children or accompanying a person for medical reasons. Wearing a mask is mandatory.
- Outdoor public markets will continue to operate at 50 percent capacity.
- Small retail stores such as bookstores, electronics stores, clothing stores, garden stores and sporting goods stores will open.
- Beauty salons in town will be open by appointment. Masks must be worn.
- Churches are open for individual worship but not for services.

- Individual sports (such as running and walking) are allowed outdoors, with social distancing. Regarding beaches, you can go to the beach to swim, but not to sunbathe. We are waiting for clarification on whether waters sports such as paddle boarding and kayaking are allowed.
- Public transportation is available but masks must be worn.
- Open-air athletic courts will open, but playgrounds and gyms remain closed.

On Monday, May 11:

- The rest of the retail stores will open, except for shopping malls.

On Sunday, May 17:

- Church services are allowed but social distancing must be maintained.

On Monday, May 18:

- Parks, gardens and archeological sites will open, but social distancing must be maintained.

On Monday, June 1:

- Cafes and restaurants with outdoor seating will open, with a maximum of 4 people per table.
- Shopping malls will open.
- Hotels that operate year-round will open.

Regarding Schools:

- On Monday, May 11, schools open for 12th grade.
- On Monday, May 18, schools open for 7th – 11th grades.
- Primary schools and kindergartens remain closed, with the possibility of opening on Monday, June 1, if health officials deem it safe.
- Parental special leave is still authorized for parents until their child's school has re-opened.

At this time, all social distancing measures and requirements to wear a mask remain in place on base. Please continue to work with your chain of command if you have questions or concerns.