By DAVID NAHAN
Cape May Star and Wave

With Cape May County Freeholder Director Leonard Campanella on the dais with him Thursday afternoon, May 14, Freeholder Director Matthew Victorian announced that the effective period of beach restrictions—starting the Friday before Memorial Day—will be lifted on Friday morning, May 22.

While non-essential stores still won’t be allowed to have customers inside and summer rentals will remain closed, the governor said the beaches will be open for all activities with certain limitations.

“We are ensuring the Jersey shores can be open to families across our state and region and can do so in a way that is consistent with protecting the public health and safety of everyone,” Murphy said.

Murphy also said beach-goers should not expect to see the same corned-down shores as they have been seeing.

In stepped coordination with Delaware, New York and Connecticut, and with direct discussions with “leaders “all down the line at all levels of government,” in coordinating Shore towns to ensure the greatest natural resource, he said.

For every beach, a community must:

• Enforce social distancing
• Establish capacity limits
• Implement proper and regular sanitation

The governor said limits on capacity will be left to leaders in each community. He suggested more could include limiting available beach bags for any given day or use technology to provide special analyses.

Social distancing with at least six feet, he added, is difficult with couples, families and household members. That is up to local officials.

Each community is different so...