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PRESS RELEASE

City of Winter Park COVID-19 Update #8 City Hall & other city facilities reopen to the public

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (June 4, 2020) After approximately two months of being closed due to COVID-19, Winter Park City Hall is scheduled to reopen to the public Monday, June 8, for regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

While City Hall was closed to the public, city management made a number of safety modifications and improvements to the facility to protect the health of employees and guests. Safety COVID-19 precautions include:

- Protective barriers installed between public and employees in high public interaction areas.
- Additional hand sanitizing stations added to public entrances and exits.
- Social distancing signs placed in areas where lines are formed.
- Modified office layouts and arrangements to accommodate safe social distancing.
- Enhanced janitorial service and supplies for daily cleanings of high-touch points and traffic areas.
- Disposable masks available to the public upon request.

Throughout the closure, the city offered many of its services online and will continue to allow the public to conduct city business electronically, if preferred. Services such as [submitting and issuing building permits](#), [scheduling inspections](#), and [paying utility bills](#) were popular ways for the public to quickly and efficiently take care of their city needs. These online services are still available. In addition, the city is launching two new online enhancements to make digital engagement easier:

1. June 15 – launch of the redesign of the city’s official website cityofwinterpark.org
2. July 1 – launch of new service, @YourRequest, to allow the public to submit city service requests easily from their computer or mobile device.

Although city staff is eager to reconnect with those that prefer face-to-face, in-person engagement, the city encourages the continuance of electronic interactions, when possible. The city appreciates the flexibility, support and cooperation of the public as it continues to monitor the changing nature of COVID-19. Every effort has been made to include modifications to maintain a safe environment for our residents, employees and guests.

Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-139](#) effective Friday, June 5, authorizing the [Plan for Florida’s Recovery Phase 2](#).

Phase 2 includes:

- Restaurants, bars and pubs
 - Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with appropriate social distancing.
 - Bars and pubs may operate at 50% capacity inside and full capacity outside with appropriate social distancing.
- Retail may operate at full capacity with responsible social distancing and sanitization protocols.
- Gyms may operate at full capacity with appropriate social distancing and frequent sanitization.
- Entertainment businesses, including but not limited to movie theaters, concert houses, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling alleys and arcades, may operate at 50% capacity with appropriate social distancing and sanitization protocols.
- Personal services businesses, including but not limited to tattoo parlors, acupuncture establishments, tanning salons and massage establishments may operate while adhering to guidance from the Florida Department of Health.
- Guidance:
 - Individuals over 65 or with underlying medical conditions are strongly encouraged to avoid crowds and take measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19.
 - All individuals that work in long-term care facilities should be tested for COVID-19 on a routine basis.
 - All persons in Florida are encouraged to avoid congregating in groups larger than 50.

Parks & Recreation reopening's

June 5

- Facility and venue rentals: will be available for scheduling groups of 50 or less with appropriate social distancing. Please contact each specific venue for individual requirements.

June 6

- Winter Park Farmers' Market in Central Park West Meadow (corner of New York Avenue & Morse Boulevard) through the summer: will have expanded hours from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (previously 8 a.m. to noon)

June 8

- Parks & Recreation Department and Mead Botanical Garden **summer camps** begin.
- Cady Way and Community Center **pools** open for **lap swim and limited open swim**.
 - CDC and U.S. swimming guidelines will be followed.
- Winter Park **Community Center** reopens with limited hours and programming.
 - Fitness Center
 - Occupancy limits in place and scheduled/pre-booked work out times will be implemented, if necessary.
 - Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Sunday CLOSED for cleaning and sanitation.
 - Media center and teen room
 - Monday through Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.
 - Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Sunday CLOSED for cleaning and sanitation.
 - Closed to public during summer camp hours to limit exposure.

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