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North Whitehall Township - Reopening Phase 2
June 11, 2020

Background:

Phase 1 of the Township's reopening plan (dated May 22, 2020) introduced the return of the staff, providing protocol in accordance with available PADOH & CDC guidelines at the time. The Township staff returned to normal work schedules on June 1, 2020.

Lehigh County was moved to the "Yellow" phase of reopening by Governor Tom Wolf on June 5, 2020. As the Township adapts to the "Yellow" phase guidelines and anticipates the move to the "Green" phase the following plan has been laid out. This plan is subject to change based on updated guidance or orders from the Governor's office. *(Update – Lehigh County is moving to the "Green" phase on Friday June 26).*

Lobby:

1. The lobby will open to walk in traffic during normal business hours on Monday June 29.
2. Residents/visitors will be limited to lobby area.
3. Masks required for residents/visitors in lobby area.
4. Sanitizer station and drop off boxes provided. (Mask available upon request)
5. Staff interaction is discouraged and should be conducted through closed service window.
6. Should staff interact with residents/visitors in lobby, they must also wear a mask.
7. In person payment of utility bills will not be accepted at this time. Payments must either be mailed or dropped off in one of the drop boxes (inside or outside the front doors of the municipal office).
8. Tax office is separate matter and residents/visitors encouraged to contact tax office for updates. Contact Terri Blazofsky at 610-769-3000 with questions.

Meetings:

1. Meeting room has been laid out to provide 6' social distance.
2. The "Green" phase limit due to social distancing requirements is 36 participants. (including Board & Staff).
3. If meetings are anticipated to draw large attendance, they may be moved to a virtual platform or held in the Public Works Garage.
4. Residents/visitors required to wear masks for the duration of the meeting.
5. Sanitizer station is provided. Masks are available upon request.
6. Meeting room will be sanitized before and after meetings.
7. Doors will be propped open (weather permitting).
8. COVID-19 signage will be posted in various locations as a reminder. Those who are sick or exhibiting symptoms will be encouraged not to attend. The Township reserves the right to perform temperature checks.
9. Staff will hand out agendas upon request.
10. Staff will monitor number of participants, if limit is reached participants will be asked to wait outside. Chairs / benches will be available. Staff will also ask what the participant wishes to speak about and the participant will be brought into meeting room to speak on their desired topic at the appropriate time.

Playgrounds & Sports Courts:

1. Playgrounds will be open for use on June 26.
2. Sports courts (basketball) will open for use on June 26.
3. Signage will be posted at playground and sports court locations notifying patrons that the facilities are not regularly sanitized and that they are using the facilities at their own risk.

Fields / Pavilion rentals:

1. Field rental / reservation will begin on Monday June 29 for rentals beginning on July 6.
2. Pavilions will not be rented / reserved in 2020. Pavilions will be available for use on a first come, first served basis. Pavilion use is limited to park hours (dawn to dusk).
3. Signage will be posted at pavilions to remind users that the facilities are not regularly disinfected and they are using at their own risk.
4. Current guidance still limits gatherings (at pavilions, non-professional sporting events, etc) to a maximum of 250, as such any permits / reservations will be limited to 250 participants.
5. The Township will not be responsible for preparation, review or approval of COVID-19 operational plans for teams, leagues, sports camps, etc. Such plans are recommended to follow guidance from the PA Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

Watch for symptoms

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

This list is not all possible symptoms. Other less common symptoms have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.