

## June 12 Addendum to Navigation Guide

### The City-Wide Curfew Ended as of Sunday Night, June 7; Police and Other Reforms Are Being Proposed; The City Advises All Protesters to be Tested for Covid-19 Starting 7 Days after Being Among Crowds:

After days of protests and unrest in the City (and nationwide, and even internationally) over the death of George Floyd, racism, and police brutality, the City ended its curfew on Sunday night June 7. Peaceful protests have continued, National Guard troops remain in the City, but apparently will be leaving soon. **City, State and Federal policing reforms and other legislative initiatives are being proposed in response to the protestors' concerns. Let's hope they are implemented soon.** Because of concern about spread among large gatherings, the City's Health Department is advising that, as a precaution, all protestors should be tested for the coronavirus starting 7 days after their participation. **See Health, Testing Sites, below.** In the meantime, if you participated in the demonstrations, check for symptoms, stay away from others as much as possible, or if not possible, stay 6 feet away, and wear a mask.

### Democratic Presidential Nominee Joe Biden Visited Philadelphia on Thursday June 11 for a Roundtable Discussion With Community Members on Safely Reopening the Economy.

The event took place at the Enterprise Center in West Philadelphia. Attendees included Della Clark, President of the Enterprise Center, which supports minority businesses and underserved communities; U.S. Rep. Dwight Evans (who served as the moderator), and two women adversely affected by the closures brought about by the pandemic, among others. Mr. Biden presented an 8-point plan for reopening the economy.

### On Tuesday June 9, the PA Legislature Passed a Bill Declaring an End to the Governor's Covid-19 State of Emergency Order; A Court Battle is Expected; What Programs and Moratoriums Are at Risk?

The Governor claims that the Health Department-ordered business shutdowns were carried out under a law different from his emergency powers, so even if the bill were to succeed in a court battle, the closure orders stand. He also claims the power to veto the recent enactment; but the legislature asserts otherwise. Further, the Governor has warned that if the

legislature’s enactment stands, relaxed unemployment eligibility, eviction and utility shutoff moratoriums, and emergency food distribution programs, among others, would be threatened.

**City Help for Businesses Damaged During the Unrest?**

The City is proposing to provide grants to help businesses repair damage and cover losses from the vandalism and looting that was carried out during the unrest. More information will be provided as soon as it becomes available. If you have experienced damage as a result of recent vandalism and/or looting that has not yet been reported to the Commerce Department, please report to [info@springgardencdc.com](mailto:info@springgardencdc.com) and we will relay the information.

**The City is providing \$1.4 million in funding through its Restore and Reopen program, for local businesses in historically disadvantaged communities that were damaged during the unrest, to recover and reopen.** The program is being administered by The Merchants Fund. Visit [merchantsfund.org](http://merchantsfund.org) for more information and for applications, which will be available soon. **PIDC is also providing \$3 million in Restart PHL Loan Funds for flexible low-cost capital to businesses in historically disadvantaged communities.** The application and additional details will be released later this month.

**The Building Industry Association (“BIA”) Offered Assistance in Boarding up Local Businesses During the Unrest.**

Thank you to the BIA for their assistance to local business during the difficult operating conditions.

**The Yellow “Safer at Home” Phase Began in Philadelphia June 5; The City Has Issued Guidance For Residents:** The City’s guidance for residents for this phase includes: Avoiding gatherings of any size; keeping the number of people you are in contact with as low as possible, or if you do have contact with others, do it as safely as possible; expanding your circle of contacts only to another household or person who has been staying home consistently is a safer risk; staying outside when you have contact with others is safer than indoors; travel is allowed but not recommended; when you are near people other than household members,

always wear a mask; stay 6 feet away; and wash your hands frequently. The changes for businesses during the Yellow Phase can be found at the City's website, [here](#). **The World Health Organization has recently reiterated that everyone should wear a mask when out in the public to prevent the spread of the disease.**

**Business Restrictions were Lifted in the City With the June 5 Yellow Phase, But Not Much Has Changed:** Even in the Yellow Phase, businesses are encouraged to provide curbside pickup or delivery rather than limited in-person service, but some are now open for on-premises service (with social distancing, reduced capacity, with masks required for employees and customers, and barriers where possible).

**What's New With Local Restaurants and Other Businesses? They Still Need Our Support; New Coronavirus Aid for Small Businesses**

**Outdoor Dining to Resume Today, June 12, Under June 11 City Guidelines; Restaurants Not Currently Authorized for Outdoor Dining May Apply Starting Late Friday June 12**

The City issued guidelines for outdoor dining on June 11 for restaurants that already have outdoor dining. On June 12, at 5PM, it will begin accepting applications for restaurants that wish to offer new outdoor dining, with one of four options: sidewalk café, "streetery" (temporary conversion of curbside parking areas, including on temporary platforms), temporary use of private lots for dining (in most commercial and mixed zoning areas, with owner cooperation), and/or, later in the summer, temporary street closures, as part of a City pilot program.

The City advises that new outdoor dining application review will start on Monday, June 15 and applications will be reviewed within 3 days. Other regulations also apply, including that outdoor operations can be shut down if they are a nuisance to neighbors.

**The local restaurants and coffee shops expected to resume outdoor dining/seating starting June 12 include:** Coffee Cream & Dreams, Bar Hygge, Rybread, Tela's Market & Kitchen, Fare, OCF Coffee Shop, La Calaca Feliz, Zorba's, Bishop's Collar, Little Pete's, The Fairview, The Green Room, Kelliann's,

McCrosen's, and St. Stephens's Green. Check their social media for hours and menu, or call them for additional information. Other restaurants may open outdoor seating areas in the future; if so, we will report on any new venues.

New regulations for all outdoor dining include: adoption of the “Safe Mode” precautions, including masks for all workers and diners, continued handwashing and sanitizing protocols, etc.; operating hours limitation of 8AM-10PM; barriers where possible; maintaining 6’ of space for workers and diners, including spacing of tables so that chair backs will be at least 6’ apart; maintaining 6’ distance from pedestrians and traffic travel & safety; appropriate lighting; ADA accessibility requirements; prohibition of tents; and others.

**Fairmount Ave. (From N. Broad St. to Pa. Ave.) is Scheduled to be Milled and Repaved Starting Wednesday June 17:**

As if local businesses didn't have enough to contend with, and with outdoor dining starting in Philadelphia today, June 12, now Fairmount Ave. is scheduled to be milled and paved, from N. Broad St. to Pa. Ave. beginning next Wednesday June 17. Let's hope it isn't too disruptive to Corridor businesses. In the meantime, we will see if we can find out how long it will take, and if they are doing it in sections or all at once. “No Parking” signs will be posted Monday, June 15.

**A Bill Has Been Introduced in City Council to Cap at 10% of the Fees That Grub Hub, Door Dash and Other Delivery Companies Can Charge Restaurants:**

It has been hard enough for restaurants to try to eke out a living with takeout and delivery, only, without the high fees charged by some delivery companies: Some as high as 30% of the order. A bill has been introduced in City Council by Majority Leader Cherelle Parker to limit the fees to 10% of the pre-tax cost of the order. The bill would also prohibit delivery companies from using a restaurant’s name in their websites/Apps without the businesses’ permission. In the meantime, Grub Hub is being acquired by (and merging with) the European company Just Eat Takeaway of Amsterdam, in a \$7.3 billion deal. Uber had also unsuccessfully sought to merge with Grub Hub.

**Father's Day is Sunday June 21. Support our Local Restaurants and Other Businesses and Cultural Institutions for Father's Day Meals and/or Gifts:**

Many local restaurants will be offering special takeout or delivery for Father's Day, June 21. And many will be offering outdoor dining starting June 12. In next week's update, we will provide a complete list of Father's Day specials. Currently, **Jack's Firehouse** is offering pre-orders for a grilled Father's Day family-style dinner for 5, for pick-up Sunday June 21 at noon (See their website [www.jacksfirehouse.com](http://www.jacksfirehouse.com)). Check with other local restaurants' websites and social media as to what they will be offering. **Father's Day gifts can also be purchased at local businesses** (and at cultural institutions, only online as yet), including at most local restaurants. Some additional suggestions are gift cards or gift items from Ali's Wagon, Fairmount Hardware, Plants Etc., Stones Beverages, Bar Hygge (crawlers), Tela's (specialty gourmet foods), Coffee Cream and Dreams (specialty coffee beans) for the coffee lover, Neighborhood Potters (artistic creations in pottery and jewelry), or a gift certificate to one of the many fine fitness organizations, including Yoga Habit and J'Aime Fitness.

**St. Stephen's Green, 1701 Green St., will be open Tues.-Thurs. 12PM to 8PM, Fri-Sat 12PM to 10PM, Sun 12PM-7PM for delivery or take-out of food, and for pickup of 6 or 12 packs of beer and wine; and outdoor dining.** For the menu, visit their website at [www.theststephensgreen.com](http://www.theststephensgreen.com) or their Instagram account. Call 267-239-8968 during business hours to order. Check their social media for the menu and any changes to hours.

**Cicala, 699 N. Broad St., (267) 886-9334, has "begun their first phase of reopening."** While they are putting finishing touches on their patio to be ready for outdoor dining, you can still enjoy their food and Italian cocktails at home. Wine, beer, and cocktails are also available to go. Order online ([www.cicalarestaurant.com](http://www.cicalarestaurant.com)), by phone, or in person. Take-out is available Wed-Sat, and pick-up can be scheduled from 1PM – 8PM.

**Dessertcrazy, at 1925 Fairmount Ave., is now taking pre-orders Sunday through Wednesday for pickup on Saturdays starting tomorrow, June 13.** Go to their website for their current offerings [www.dessertcrazy.com](http://www.dessertcrazy.com). Email them with a phone number to order at [info@dessertcrazy.com](mailto:info@dessertcrazy.com) or call 267-764-1411. Prepay

through Paypal or Venmo following the instructions on their website. Anything left over on Saturday will be available for delivery via GrubHub, first come, first served.

**Yoga Habit has Joined the SGCDC gift card program.** Buy a gift card from them in the month of June, and SGCDC will match it with an equal amount of funds. SGCDC will receive gift cards in return to be used for business promotions and giveaways after the pandemic has eased.

**The State Store at 1935 Fairmount is still closed since it was vandalized, as are many, but the State Store at 32 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. (2<sup>nd</sup> and Market) is open for curbside pickup.** Call 215-560-7060 to place an order, pre-pay, then pick up before 6PM.

**Jack's Firehouse has been accepting donations to provide meals to fund dinners for Project HOME shelters** at St. Columba Shelter and other shelters in the community. Ten donations of \$60 each fund one full dinner service. Go to their website ([www.jacksfirehouse.com](http://www.jacksfirehouse.com)) and click on the Give Back section of the site menu. 215-232-9000.

**The Sunoco A Plus Market, 23<sup>rd</sup> St. and Fairmount Ave., is now open again and open 24 hours**

**Tela's is Now Open Again; the CVS (1400 block of Spring Garden) is open, but still boarded up; a number of businesses remain closed and boarded up.**

**On June 8, Governor Wolf Announced More State Funding for Small Businesses Adversely Affected by the March 19 State-Ordered Closures, For Those that are Historically Socially and/or Economically Disadvantaged, and For Loan Deferrals and Losses To Lenders, With the Programs to be Rapidly Deployed.**

On Monday June 8, Governor Wolf announced new state grants for small businesses: \$100 million for the Main Street Business Revitalization Program for businesses that suffered losses because of the March 19 order to close; \$100 million for the Historically Disadvantaged Business Revitalization Program, for businesses where 51% of its owners are either socially or economically disadvantaged; and \$25 million for Community Development Financial Institutions ("CDFIs") for loan deferrals and losses to lenders. The business grants can be used by businesses to cover operating expenses during the shutdown, the transition to reopening, and technical assistance including training and guidance during the

relaunch. The funds are being covered by the federal CARES Act. Pennsylvania received \$2.6 billion of stimulus funds, of which \$225 million was earmarked for small business relief. DCED will distribute the funds to Community Development Financial Institutions (“CDFIs”) that will administer the funding in the form of grants to qualified PA businesses. CDFIs can include banks, credit unions, nonprofit loan funds, and others who provide credit to underserved communities and businesses. Click [here](#) for a list of the participating Philadelphia CDFI’s. The Governor spoke of a rapid deployment of the Programs.

**LISC is Now Offering Round 4 of its Small Business Assistance Grants:** The deadline is 11:59 PM the night of June 17, 2020. Go to <https://www.lisc.org/covid-19/small-business-assistance/small-business-relief-grants/>

**The Paycheck Protection Program Regulations Have Been Revised To help More Businesses Survive the Closures; Forgiveness Requirements and Application Forms Simplified:**

As a result of federal legislation signed into law last week, to qualify for forgiveness of PPP loans, businesses are now permitted to use the funds over a 24-week period vs. the original 10-week period from the date of funding. The funds no longer have to be spent 75% for payroll. Now, only 60% must be spent for payroll, and the rest must still be spent for rent, mortgage interest, and utilities, and not for other operating costs including Personal Protective Equipment. The date for rehiring of employees has been extended to December 31, and exceptions are made for difficulties in rehiring. See the SBA regulations [here](#). The application forms for forgiveness of the loans are also being simplified.

**Forgivable Paycheck Protection Loans Are Still Available Through Participating Local Banks! The Application deadline is June 30, 2020.**

**City Services; Courts; Other Government Services and Regulations:**

**Real Estate Taxes are due Monday, June 15.** Taxpayers can pay by phone, mail, or electronically at [www.phila.gov/revenue](http://www.phila.gov/revenue).

**Any City Employee With a City Access ID Card is Now Working Again at City Offices (e.g., City Hall, 1515 Arch St, Upstairs at the Municipal Service Building, and other Facilities); But There is No Public Access Yet:**

City Buildings that have been closed since mid-March are now reopening to employees with a City Access ID Card. That presumably means that phones and email will be answered again. During the closures, there was often no way to get in touch with City employees or Departments. **However, the public is not yet allowed in.** But many things can now be done online, without going in person to City Hall or MSB, such as securing building permits. Appointments will be available at MSB starting June 22.

**It Has Become Nearly Impossible to Get a Passport During the Covid-19 Closures, with Drastically Reduced Staff, Passport Offices Closed, and Delays of Many Months, so If You Know Now You Will Need One, Start Now:**

If you know, now, that you will need to (or want to) travel out of the country in the future, as travel bans are lifted in various locations, and need to get a passport, or renew one, you should start now. On June 2, the State Department announced that it would begin reopening passport offices and resuming by-mail renewals. They will begin by working on the backlog of applications from before March 19. Long delays are expected for both older applications and new ones. Only adults renewing a passport have the option of online renewal. *New passport applicants, and all children under 16 must go to a passport office in person.*

**On June 11, the Remaining Construction Restrictions Regarding When, Where and Types of Work Were Lifted; Covid-19 Safety Precautions Still Apply.**

**All Phila Court Cases Scheduled Through July 6, 2020 Have Been Cancelled Unless the Attorneys are Notified Specifically to the Contrary**

**The Water Department Has Asked Building Owners to Flush Their Water Systems Before Reopening, as Stagnant Water May Pose Health Problems**

## **Health:**

### **Residents Can Call the 24/7 Hotline at 800-722-7112 to Talk to a Medical Professional About the Coronavirus.**

Text COVIDPHL to 888-777 for the latest coronavirus updates from the City, including health-related matters.

### **Johnson & Johnson Plans to Begin Human Testing of a Covid-19 Vaccine at the End of July 2020, and Has Government Contracts for 1 Billion Doses of the Vaccine:**

The pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson has announced plans to start human testing of a Covid-19 vaccine earlier than planned, at the end of July 2020. It has further reported government contracts to produce 1 billion doses of the vaccine when developed.

### **Residents: Please Stop Depositing Trash, Construction Debris, and Garbage in and Next to Waring School Dumpsters; the School District Does Not Pick It Up! Leave it in Front of your House on the Correct Day for City Trash Pickup. Or the Parking Area Will Be Closed to Nighttime/Weekend Use By Residents.**

It is disgusting and attracting rats; the SGCDC can't keep emptying the dumpsters. Please! If you see anyone bringing trash and garbage to Waring - - and we have even seen people from other neighborhoods arriving by car with their trash - - please tell them to stop and take it away.

### **The Governor Has Issued an Order Requiring Hospitals in Pennsylvania to Provide Better Working Conditions for Health Care Employees by June 15:**

Complaints have been made that hospitals were rationing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including respirator masks, and were otherwise not implementing adequate precautions for their employees. Many health care workers have been diagnosed with Covid-19. The Governor's order requires that hospitals ensure that they have an adequate supply of federally approved PPE on hand; that employees be given new respirator masks when they request them if the one they are using is damaged, soiled or not working properly; that there be better notification of Covid-19 exposure; and more accessible testing for health care workers. The compliance deadline is June 15. Those hospitals that can't

comply with the PPE requirements by that date can work with the State Health Department to obtain equipment.

**Governor Wolf Has Ordered that All Nursing Homes Test All Residents and Staff at Least Once By July 24:**

The Governor's initial order required testing to be done weekly, which was deemed to be not feasible, given the number of individuals involved. Now all staff and residents must be tested at least once by July 24.

**Covid-19 Testing, Including of Demonstrators:**

Starting 7 days after engaging in a demonstration, participants are being asked to get tested for Covid-19. For testing sites, got to [www.phila.gov/testing](http://www.phila.gov/testing) but call and/or check their websites before going there, as some have been temporarily closed. Vybe Urgent Care at 1500 Spring Garden is also offering testing here in the neighborhood. Visit [www.vybe.care](http://www.vybe.care) and click on the Spring Garden St. site. They require a pre-screening telemedicine interview.

**Recreation: Adults; Where to Go Locally With Kids?**

**A "Socially Distanced" "Parks on Tap" Will Return to Phila This Summer Starting Today, June 12, at a 70,000 Sq. Ft. location near the Fairmount Park Horticulture Center. Other Locations May Open Later:** There will be food, drink (cocktails and craft beers), seating and bathrooms. Parks on Tap raises money for Philadelphia parks. Hours are 4PM to 10PM Mon-Fri., and 12 Noon to 10PM Sat-Sun. The site is family-friendly and dog friendly. Extensive cleaning will be carried out. Staff must wear masks, as must guests unless seated. **A free membership is required** (see below). Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. A waitlist will be established, and text messages sent when guests can enter. Visit the program website at [www.parksontap.com](http://www.parksontap.com) for more information and to sign up for a free membership.

**Roberto Clemente Playground is Open Now, But Will Be Closed From 9AM to 3PM When Summer Day Camp Opens on Weekdays From July 6 to August 14; (the Basketball Courts are Closed, No Group Activities)** As of July 6, only 25 people at a time will be allowed in the Playground when not in use for the day camp. **Currently, the Playground is open but there are no mandatory controls in**

**place. Exercise caution if you go there: Social distancing, wear a mask, maybe even gloves, and bring sanitizing wipes to wipe down the play equipment and hand sanitizer to use after playing.** Day camp will be limited to 15 children and a maximum of 25 people, including staff. Parents must check the kids in at the entrance for day camp. No concrete plan is in place yet to manage the site for either day camp or the public hours, including the sprayground. SGCDC is working with the Playground staff on a proposed plan.

**The Brandywine Zoo in Wilmington DE Will Reopen to the Public for Limited Hours:** (10AM to 12PM or 1PM to 3PM, apparently 7 days a week) starting June 11, June 10 for members). Extensive cleaning will take place between visiting sessions. Go to their website at [www.brandywinezoo.org](http://www.brandywinezoo.org) and click on Opening 2020 for information. Call 302-571-7788 to make a reservation and order tickets. Zoo members can make reservations online. Face masks are required for ages 13 and up. See their website for additional conditions (and facilities) for visitors. Off-season admission rates apply, adults \$5, seniors \$4, children \$3 (ages 3 and up).

### **Culture:**

**Harriet's Bookshop 258 E. Girard Ave.: Owner, Jeannine Cook, Has Been Providing Free Books about Black Leaders During the Philadelphia Marches:** The store, named for historical heroine Harriet Tubman, opened in February as "a space for folks to come together discuss ideas, and debate a healthy way". The shop celebrates women authors, activists and artists. They carry an amazing collection of books by black authors, including children's books, and other books, and to meet and share ideas with interesting people. Apparently, the book store is currently closed, but thinking about reopening by appointment only. Buy gift cards and books online via their website ([www.harrietsbookshop.com](http://www.harrietsbookshop.com)) or "Harriett's Bookshop" on Facebook for more information and/or updated operating info.

### **Financial:**

#### **What to Do if You Threw Out your Stimulus Debit Card? How To Use It?**

You can call 800-240-8100 for a replacement of your stimulus debit card if lost or stolen. Select the Lost or Stolen Option. You can use the cards at ATMs to get

cash or grocery stores for cashback. Call the above number or go to [www.eipcard.com/faq](http://www.eipcard.com/faq) for more information.

**Some SEPTA Keycards to Expire June 30, No Refunds; Buy New Ones/Recharge Cards, at Fairmount Pharmacy; Face Masks Now Required to Ride SEPTA**

Some 30,000 SEPTA Key Cards are set to expire on June 30, 2020, but, per SEPTA, riders will have to buy new ones; no refunds are being given. Face masks are now required of all riders. **SEPTA keycards can be purchased/recharged at Fairmount Pharmacy, 1900 Green St. ([www.fairmountpharmacy.com](http://www.fairmountpharmacy.com))**. A map of other purchase sites can be accessed at [www.septakey.org](http://www.septakey.org)

**The Parking Authority Will Start Ticketing Again in Center City and University City (i.e., the Area From Bainbridge St. up to and Including Spring Garden St. and Pa Ave., and from River to River) and the areas around Penn and Drexel on June 15 for Meter Violations, and starting June 22 For the Whole City; Enforcement of Permit Parking Will Resume on June 22.** Visit the Parking Authority website for more information [www.philapark.org](http://www.philapark.org) and for permit parking applications.