

SGCDC's Covid-19 Neighborhood Navigation Guide
July 31, 2020 Update

The following are updates to Spring Garden CDC's Covid-19 Neighborhood "Navigation" Guide. Copies are being posted on the SGCA and SGCDC websites. ***Be sure to look at the list of current offerings by some of our local businesses, below. They need our support more than ever to help them weather the pandemic.***

Stay safe, and well!

What's New with Local Businesses & Organizations:

Bar Hygge has Opened "Brygge", a Delightful Small Beer Garden (with food) at 1723 Fairmount Ave., Across the Street from Bar Hygge: Brygge means "to brew" in Danish. They have 8 house-brewed beers on tap, plus a seasonal cocktail. There are picnic tables with umbrellas and sitting areas, all socially distanced. Click [here](#) for the menu. Hours are Thursday through Saturday, 5PM to 10:30PM. No reservations, first come, first served. ***Please remember, no congregating in groups if you are waiting for seating!***

McCrosen's Tavern, 529 N. 20th St., is Seeking to Open a "Streeterly" With Tables in the Parking Lane at 3 Properties (as Has Been Done Elsewhere in the Community and City) to Expand their Outdoor Dining Capability: However, they have been held up by a glitch in the City's permitting system. They're currently working with the Commerce Department to get it solved soon, so that this great local eatery can expand its outdoor dining.

On Tuesday, July 28, The IBEW Local Union 98, along with Chabad of Fairmount and Spring Garden CDC, Distributed Over 130 boxes of Fresh Produce and Canned Goods to Families Affected by the Pandemic, Including 40 Families From Spring Garden and the Abutting Areas: There was also free pizza and ice cream.

Thirsty Dice's Scoop Shop and Espresso Bar is Just What's Needed on these Unbearably Hot Days: 1642 Fairmount Ave., on 17th St., below Fairmount Ave. Hours are from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, noon to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. Bassett's Ice Cream, Milk Shakes, and Boozy Milk Shakes.

Local Businesses, What's New, Ongoing:

Have You Visited Our Newest Business, The Better Box at 1519 Spring Garden St. For Delicious Takeout Philly Fusion Chinese Food? Visit them today!

St. Stephens Green, 1701 Green St., has joined SGCDC's Gift Card Matching Program. Buy a gift card at St. Stephens Green and SGCDC will match it.

When ordering from local businesses, please consider ordering directly through the business, via phone or their own website, rather than using an app. Some local businesses are advising that they were being charged as much as 30% of an order total (just for taking their delivery and marketing services), making turning a profit nearly impossible (there is currently a temporary cap of 15% in place, but you still have the ability to save the restaurant some "dough" by ordering directly). In order to deliver the most "bang-for-your-buck" to local businesses, please keep this in mind.

The Following Restaurants are Currently Offering Outdoor Dining:

Bar Hygge*	The Green Room	Luigi's Pizza Fresca
Bishop's Collar	Mangia Macaroni	OCF
Cicala	McCrossen's	Rybread
Coffee Cream & Dreams	Kelliann's	Santucci's
The Fairview	La Calaca Feliz	St. Stephen's Green
Fare	La Scala's Pronto	Thirsty Dice
Gabi	Little Pete's (has a tent)	Tela's
		Zorba's

* Bar Hygge has also opened a small sit-down beer garden across the street at 1723 Fairmount Ave, Brygge, with Bar Hygge food to eat on-site. See above.

These Local Salons and Barber Shops are Now Open:

Classic Barber, 1517 Spring Garden	Shear Perfection, 1535 Spring Garden
Sulimay's, 2333 Fairmount Ave.	Shear Excellence, 2019 Fairmount Ave
SNIP, 2052 Fairmount Ave.,	Civil Barbers, 1631 Wallace St.
Ou Salon, 2323 Fairmount Ave	

You Can Buy PPE at:

Luz Marina Montano Fashion Design, 1914 Fairmount Ave.,
www.mmontano.com, designer cloth masks, \$12 each or 5 for \$50. The owner,
who hails from Colombia, South America, also provides custom sewing and
fashions. 267-972-7328

Fairmount Hardware, 2011 Fairmount Ave 215-765-5820

These Gyms and Fitness Centers are Now Open.

Retro Fitness - 1500 Spring Garden St. (Walk ins) 570-591-1209

BPM Fitness - 1808 Spring Garden St. (Call for appt.) 215-515-2110

Culture Philly Gym - 1415 Melon St. (Call for appt.) 267-607-5883

J'aime Fitness - 2102 Brandywine St/ (1 on1 training) 610-357-6675

Anytime Fitness - 1640 Fairmount Ave (RSVP online) anytimefitness.com

Yoga Habit - Book outdoor classes online yogahabit.com

Lumos Yoga & Barre - Outdoor classes (Call for appt.) 215-787-0700

These local Businesses Provide To-Go Beer and Wine, and Some do Delivery:

Stone's Beer & Beverage Market - 1701 Fairmount Ave

Bar Hygge - 1720 Fairmount Ave - Growlers and Wine to go

The Fairview - 601 N 21st street - 6 packs of beer

St. Stephen's Green - 1701 Green Street - 6 packs of beer

The Bishop's Collar - 2349 Fairmount Ave - 6 packs of beer

Fairmount Pizza - 2000 Fairmount Ave. - 6 packs of beer

City View Pizza - 1547 Spring Garden St. - 6 packs of beer

Old Nelson - 1500 Spring Garden - Craft beers and 6 packs

Parkway Deli - 2200 Spring Garden St. Growlers and 6 packs

Beat the Heat with these Tasty Take-out Drinks

St. Stephen's Green - 1701 Green St. - Frozen drinks - various flavors

The Bishop's Collar - 2349 Fairmount Ave - Frozen drinks - various flavors

Bar Hygge - 1720 Fairmount Ave - Lavender Lemonade for adults

Thirsty Dice - 1624 Fairmount Ave - Ice cream shakes for adults

Fare - 2028 Fairmount Ave - Farmers Tonic or Fairmount Sunset

La Calaca Feliz - 2321 Fairmount Ave - Margaritas or Sangrias

The Fairview - 601 N 21st St. - Strawberry Mojitos or Margaritas

Green Soul – 600 N. Broad St. – Mango-Lychee Sangria & cocktails-to-go

Gifts, Plants, Other:

For great gifts, **Ali's Wagon**, 2017 Fairmount Ave., is open for limited in store shopping plus shipping, or curb side pickup. (Appt online: aliswagon.com)

Fairmount Hardware - 2011 Fairmount Ave. 215-765-5829

Plants Etc. - 2313 Fairmount Ave. 215-236-3060

Cerulean Arts - 1355 Ridge Ave. (Appt. online) ceruleanarts.com

Bookhaven - 2202 Fairmount Ave. 215-235-3226

Physical Therapy, Health: Call to Schedule an Appointment

Wallace and Nilan Phys. Therapy - 1714 Fairmount Ave. 267-606-6923

Vybe Urgent Care - 1500 Spring Garden St. 267-768-8288

Jefferson Health - 2100 Spring Garden St. 215-955-9555

Wellpoint - 2014 Fairmount Ave. 267-687-5655

Pet Stores / Veterinary Care:

Fairmount Pet Shoppe - 2024 Fairmount Ave 215-236-6080

Art Museum Veterinary Center - 1710 Fairmount Ave 215-982-1490

Fairmount Animal Hospital - 2315 Fairmount Ave 215-684-1439

The 4 Bynum Brothers Restaurants (Including South Jazz Kitchen and Green Soul in Spring Garden) Have Joined Forces to Provide Meals For Front Line Workers Through Their “The Hero Kitchen”: The restaurants prepare individually packaged meals and deliver them to medical workers in area hospitals and nursing homes. For more information or to make a donation, visit southjazzkitchen.com.

Our Neighbors, the Coronavirus Hits Home:

We are sad to report that long-time Spring Garden resident Amparo Colon, has died of the coronavirus. Others in her family are also sick and hospitalized; we wish them a speedy recovery.

City, State, and Federal Covid-19 Responses, and Issues:

The City Has Announced that They Have Not Yet Set a Date for the Resumption of Indoor Dining; Possibly September 1: They will announce on August 21 whether indoor dining will be allowed starting September 1, so that businesses can make plans.

Pennsylvania Has Added 2 More States to its Self-quarantine List, Missouri and Wyoming, for a total of 20: See the full list [here](#). Anyone coming into PA from any of those states, including returning PA residents, must self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in PA.

PENNDOT Has Extended Driver’s License, ID Cards, and Learner’s Permit Renewals to August 31, 2020: If your driver’s license or camera card is almost about to expire or has done so, you still have until August 31, 2020 to renew it. You can renew your driver’s license online with your old photo, without the need to go in person, go to www.dmv.pa.gov or click [here](#).

Federal Legislation is Held Up in Partisan Politics as Many Covid-19 Protections End on July 31: These include supplemental unemployment benefits and moratoriums on foreclosures and evictions, among other protections.

Some Health Experts are Now Calling For a 2nd Shut Down as the Only Way to Avoid the Virus Spiraling Out of Control: There seems to be a consensus that some areas re-opened their economies far too soon, without social distancing, mandatory mask-wearing, or adequate testing and tracking - - the basic tools needed to combat the virus. Some of the hardest hit areas have already scaled back to try to stem the spread of the virus.

The Philadelphia School Board Voted 7 to 1 To Start the School Year on September 2 With All Virtual Instruction; It Will Reevaluate the Plan After November 17, the End of the First Grading Period: They continue to distribute Chromebooks in an effort to make sure all students have the ability to receive instruction online. It is not clear whether all students currently have Internet access.

For Safe, Glitch-Free Voting in November, Plans Need to be Put in Place Now: The Committee of 70 has presented testimony to Philadelphia City Council and the Senate State Government Committee on what is needed, now: Funding for postage, drop boxes, satellite election offices, mail house scale capacity, staff to manage 10 to 15 times as many mail in ballots as in previous Presidential elections, money to staff safe polling places, Federal funding for elections.

City Social Distancing Ambassadors are Being Stationed at Wissahickon Park: Local parks are becoming overcrowded, and social distancing and mask rules ignored. Wissahickon Park is one of the hardest hit of our local parks, with overcrowding and blatantly irresponsible behavior. Hopefully, the presence of social distancing ambassadors will make a difference in controlling this untenable situation.

As of Last Friday, Philadelphia Was One of 14 Counties with an Elevated Positive Testing Rate, along with (Locally) Delaware, Chester, and York Counties: This should be a wake-up call for everyone. Don't let down your guard and help keep Philadelphia from backsliding! We're not out of the woods yet, by a long shot, especially with the virus surging in well over half of the country, inadequate testing and tracing, and travel between states spreading the virus even further.

The PA Health Department has Received Approval to Spend \$27 million to Ramp Up Contact Tracing Efforts: Contact tracing involves tracking down people exposed to infected individuals, within 24 hours, and asking them to quarantine for 14 days, and is a critical public health tool, along with social distancing and

mask wearing, and is one of the best ways of stopping the spread of the virus. The state has 661 tracers, but needs many more, some 2,000 to 4,000 according to some studies. On days with a lot of new cases, quickly contact tracing all individuals potentially exposed can be nearly an impossible task, without a large staff.

The City Has Also Stepped Up Contact Tracing, with a Staff of 108 Diverse

Individuals: The program is designed to reach individuals from throughout the City, including those who do not speak English.

The White House’s Economic Advisor Says that the CARES Act Moratorium on Evictions will be Further Extended, but there is no legislation as of yet, and the protections expire today (July 31).

The City Will Be Hiring 120 Temporary Workers to Catch up on the Trash Backlog

Caused by the Pandemic: With many people working from home/staying at home, the amount of trash has increased dramatically; and many sanitation workers have been calling out sick. The hiring process will take about 4 weeks. The Streets Department will continue to use other staff to assist until the temporary workers can be hired. The cost will be \$2 million, which the City hopes to recoup from Federal funds.

Health:

At-Home Covid-19 Tests Are Being Offered, Are They as Effective? Some at home tests rely on a saliva test, while others involve a nasal swab. Recent studies have shown an 80% effective rate. They are a good option for those who feel too sick to go out, for those who (while not showing symptoms, want a test), and for those unable to get a test quickly. The accuracy of the test appears to depend on how much virus is present. For the first 1 to 2 days, the test appears to perform, in terms of accuracy, similar to clinician swab tests.

Pooled Coronavirus Testing: US Health officials have recently called for “pooled testing” to diagnose Covid-19, to test more people faster and cut down on mounting turn-around time for test results. Quest Diagnostics has received the first FDA emergency approval for the procedure. In pooled testing, the lab tests multiple specimens, taken from a group of individuals, together. If the results are

negative, all the patients are cleared. If the rest comes back positive, each patient must have a separate test, or be tested in smaller groups. This testing may be used for students who may be returning to in-person classes.

29 Chains are Requiring Face Masks Even if the Local Authorities and Federal Government Have Not Adopted this Critical Mandatory Precaution: They include Walmart, Starbucks, Best Buy, Sam's Club, Costco, Apple Store, Dollar Tree, CVS, Target, Lowe's and Home Depot, among others.

A Study by the Philadelphia Health Department Reports that More than 75% of Those Surveyed Wear Masks. The City uses security cameras in SEPTA Stations and outdoor retail businesses to count how many people are wearing masks.

Entertainment, Culture:

The Amazing Liberty Bell Augmented Reality Project, By Artist Nancy Cahill Baker, is Still on View in Philadelphia, and 5 Other Cities: Download the artist's free app [here](#) (or download from your app store) and stand in front of the Art Museum to experience the full 3-D Drawing.

While Strolling the Parkway, Visit the 1934 "All War Memorial to Colored Soldiers", at 20th Street and the Parkway: Read about this important 1934 sculpture tribute to these brave soldiers who fought for our country, and the struggle to have their efforts recognized and celebrated during decades of racism. Click [here](#) for more info.

Baseball is Back with No Fans, But the Virus is Spreading Among some of the Teams:

The Phillies Have Cancelled All Activity at Citizens Bank Park Until Further Notice After 2 of Their Employees Tested Positive for The Virus, Following a 3-Day Series with the Marlins, Where 17 Members of the Marlins Team and 2 of Their Coaches Subsequently Tested Positive: The affected Phillies employees were a member of the coaching staff and a member of the home clubhouse staff. A Marlins clubhouse member also tested positive.

Eastern State Penitentiary is Making Plans to Reopen in About Two Weeks: There will be a soft opening for neighbors on August 8 and 9, with 50% off the

price of tickets, with discount code OPENINPHL50. Go to their website for more information and to make a reservation at www.easternstate.org

Feeling the Need to Escape the City and Get out to the Country? Check out these Delightful Wineries Within 10 to 80 Miles of the City: Click [here](#).

Or Enjoy Family Friendly Activities Closer to Home: Spruce St. Harbor Park, Outdoor Kids Theater, and Outdoor Story Time, and a Stroll Through Marine Themed Logo Display: Click [here](#) for more information.

The Drive-in Theater is Back; Enjoy Fun Entertainment While Social Distancing in Your Own Car: The Philadelphia Expo Center is turning its Fairgrounds into a drive-in cinema pop-up venue through August 2, and perhaps beyond. Click [here](#) for the schedule.