

## SGCDC's Covid-19 "Navigation" Guide

June 26, 2020 Addendum

### *Expanded Yellow and Green Phases:*

#### "Expanded Yellow Phase" Activities Are Allowed in Philadelphia as of Friday June 26, and Some "Green Phase" Re-Openings Will Be Permitted on July 3, If Cases Continue to Decline and targets met:

June 26: The City has given the final OK on Expanded Yellow Phase activities, including limited openings of personal care facilities (salons, barber shops), small indoor social gatherings (up to 25 people), residential pools/private swim clubs, and outdoor zoo areas on June 26, and has issued guidelines for the reopening of certain Green Phase activities. Click [here](#) for the guidelines. ***But additional re-openings will depend on declining number of cases and if July 3 targets are met. The City has set a target of fewer than 80 new cases a day to go to the Green Phase. The City is worried we may be hitting a plateau.***

July 3: On July 3, assuming the City's virus numbers continue to decline and targets met, additional activities will be permitted, pursuant to City guidelines, including: Youth and adult outdoor sports, gyms and indoor exercise classes, schools and colleges, libraries and museums, indoor shopping malls, outdoor performances and small outdoor events (up to 50 people), **and indoor restaurant seating (with occupancy limits)**. The City guidelines dictate what restrictions will be placed on the re-openings. **Social distancing and mask wearing are still required in yellow and green phases of reopening.**

#### Outdoor Dining in the Neighborhood:

The following restaurants/coffee shops are currently offering outdoor dining (\*new):

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

**Which Local Restaurants Intend to Offer Indoor Dining (at Reduced Capacity) When Permitted by the City, Currently Expected to Be July 3, at Reduced Capacity?**

We do not yet have a list of which restaurants are opening for indoor dining on July 3, or soon thereafter, as businesses are still assessing the situation and making plans, but we will publish a list next week. **However, the City cautions that if people are not following outdoor dining guidelines, they may not do so indoors either, thus threatening the partial indoor dining reopening date.**

**Some Neighborhood Salons/Barber Shops Expected to Reopen on/about June 26:**

Call for an appointment and the conditions of your visit.

**Classic Barber**, 1517 Spring Garden, on 7/1 or after 7/4

**Sulimay's**, 2333 Fairmount Ave., 6/26 **Shear Perfection**, 1535 Spring Garden, 6/26

**SNIP**, 2052 Fairmount Ave., 6/30      **Shear Excellence**, 2019 Fairmount Ave., 6/26

**Ou Salon**, 2323 Fairmount Ave., 6/26 **Civil Barbers**, 1631 Wallace St., 6/26

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*Health and Other Coronavirus-Related Issues:*

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**Philadelphia expects to have a tracing system for the virus in place by July 1, to help avoid the spread of the virus.** There are 58 staff members currently in place with plans to have 83 on board by July 6. Penn Medicine already contact traces their own patients. While not required, restaurants could help the process by keeping a record of who dined there.

**The FDA Has Issued a Warning About Avoiding Toxic Hand Sanitizers Containing Methanol, and Seeking Treatment if Used.** The warning involves 9 hand sanitizers on the market, which can cause methanol poisoning with serious symptoms (nausea, blurred vision, and more dangerous and permanent effects). Treatment should be sought immediately to reverse the condition. Click [here](#) for a list of the products.

**The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has added three new symptoms to its ongoing list.** The new symptoms include congestion or runny nose, nausea, and diarrhea. These will now be included with the existing symptoms in the list, which were: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell and sore throat. Many of these could be symptoms of other things, but it is up to every person to be mindful

and vigilant about monitoring for symptoms and quarantining or getting tested accordingly.

**A Recent Study Suggests that Blood Type Can Affect Severity of Covid-19.** The study, reported in the New England Journal of Medicine, found that those with Type A blood were likely to have more severe symptoms/forms of the disease, vs. those with Type O, who were not.

**Some Community Residents Are Concerned About the Encampment of Over 100 People on the Parkway and the Risks of Spreading the Virus.** Over 100 people have taken up residence on the Parkway in tents, even after most of the protests have ended. Concerted efforts are being made to find a solution to the situation.

**Medical PPE continues to be in short supply, even as the virus surges in some locales.**

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### *Covid-19 Assistance Programs:*

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**On June 18, 2020, City Council Unanimously Passed a Group of Housing-Renter-Related Bills, Called the Emergency Housing Protection Act, to Provide Relief To Renters, Including Small Businesses, During the Pandemic.** The bills extend the eviction moratorium, scheduled to end statewide on July 10, to August 31 for Philadelphia renters and small businesses, create a repayment plan for low income residents, and waive late fees on back rent payments during the pandemic and for 9 months after August 31. The bills also created an eviction diversion program that runs through the end of the year whereby landlords and tenants must go through mediation before formal eviction proceedings can be filed. Renters illegally locked out of their homes/properties can recover damages. More than 5,000 evictions are scheduled, and thousands more expected to be filed and heard in the City, when the ban ends. The full text of the bills that comprised the Emergency Housing Protection Act (Nos. 200294, 295, 302, 304, and 305) can be found on the Legistar site, or click [here](#).

**PHFA Rent and Mortgage Relief Grants:** The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (“PHFA”) will have applications available starting June 29 for grants for rent and mortgage relief, funded by the CARES Act, for renters and homeowners adversely impacted by the coronavirus. Go to the PHFA website at [www.phfa.com](http://www.phfa.com) for more

information and to access the application when available. The agency call center will also be available for questions on weekdays from 8AM-5PM at 1-855-U-ARE-HOME (827-3466). Listen for the prompt mentioning CARES assistance for renters and homeowners.

**Philadelphia's Commerce Court Has Initiated a Temporary Financial Monitor Program Designed to Help For-Profit and Non-Profit Businesses (including Sole Proprietors) Impacted by the Pandemic.** The program applies to businesses/sole proprietors that file, with the Commerce Court, a "Petition to Enjoin Collection Activities and Appoint a Temporary Financial Monitor". The program will assign volunteer legal and accounting professionals as Temporary Financial Monitors to prepare an Operating Plan for a petitioning business to enable the entity to resume operations and pay its debts. For more information, email the Commerce Court Director at [susan.packer@courts.phila.gov](mailto:susan.packer@courts.phila.gov)

**PGW has Initiated Programs To Assist Customers During the Pandemic.** They include not charging late payment fees, allowing documents to be faxed when offices are closed, and modifying required documentation for customers unable to obtain unemployment documentation during the pandemic, among other assistance. Visit [www.pgworks.com/covid19](http://www.pgworks.com/covid19) for more information.

**The State's Covid-19 Small Business Relief Program Will Start Accepting Its First Round of Applications on June 30 Through Participating CDFI's.** The first round closes in ten days. There will be two additional rounds of funding. The funds can be used for business operating expenses during the shutdown and reopening. For additional information, click [here](#), and click [here](#) for a list of local participating CDFIs ("Community Development Financial Institutions").

**The City's Food Program For Students, Seniors and Others Has Changed Somewhat With the Arrival of Summer.** Go to [www.phila.gov/food](http://www.phila.gov/food) for information.

**Help with Digital Literacy:** The Digital Literacy Alliance has announced that three organizations have combined to offer help for residents regarding access to and use of technology and the Internet. Digital Navigators at the ExCITE Center at Drexel will provide the assistance by telephone and email, including assistance with applying for affordable internet, obtaining low cost computers, completing simple online tasks, and accessing online digital training. For assistance call or text 267-217-3508, or email [navigator@excitecenter.org](mailto:navigator@excitecenter.org), or visit their website at <https://drexel.edu/excite>

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## *Other News, Local Businesses and Cultural Institutions:*

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### **The Philadelphia Museum of Art is furloughing 100 staff members on July 6, 2020.**

Some will be recalled as operations ramp up. A buyout package will be offered to furloughed and non-furloughed employees; and 50 currently vacant positions will go unfilled. The Museum is expected to reopen later in the summer, with substantially reduced visitation numbers. **Help support our cultural institutions during the pandemic.**

### **City Council Has Capped Food Delivery Fees, Expanded Outdoor Dining Locales.**

On Thursday, June 25, City Council enacted a bill limiting food delivery fees to 15% of the pre-tax bill, which should help restaurants that are struggling to remain viable by providing food delivery service. It also officially expanded outdoor dining locales as described in last week's Guide, e.g., to abutting properties, parking lanes, street closures, all subject to City regulations and conditions.

### **Green Street Dog Park is Expected to Reopen July 3, Assuming the City's Green Phase Proceeds as Planned.**

Green Street Dog Park expects to reopen the morning of July 3, at the start of the City's Green Phase, with a significant number of precautions in place, ***if the City's Green Phase proceeds as planned.*** Dog Park Members have been advised of the opening and the regulations.

**Rabbit Recycling is another local neighborhood business, ready to serve.** Locally owned and operated, Rabbit Recycling has a long list of hard-to-recycle items that they can pick up and recycle for you. See their website for more details or call, text, or email. [www.rabbitrecycling.com](http://www.rabbitrecycling.com); 267-584-0858.

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## *City Agencies, Boards, and Other Governmental Groups:*

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### **Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearings, Cancelled Since March, to Resume Remotely by Zoom (No Date Given Yet).** On Monday June 22, the Philadelphia

Zoning Board of Adjustment (“ZBA”) held a special public hearing via Zoom to adopt emergency regulations relating to procedures and public notice for virtual Board hearings, to begin to work through the backlog of cases that has built up since hearings were cancelled in March of this year. The virtual format will continue until September 20, 2020 unless otherwise ordered by the ZBA. Documentary evidence must be submitted to the ZBA by participants 5 days before the virtual hearing. Notification of original hearings will require the normal 21 days’ posted notice, but continued hearings only 14 days. The ZBA will provide the Applicant with exact language to be printed by the Applicant on the notice signs, including the telecommunications technology to be used, and how the public may access the hearing and provide comment on the zoning application. Continuance requests will still be accepted. The ZBA may decide to adopt a special schedule for uncontested cases. ***To our knowledge, no cases have yet been rescheduled.*** It is not clear how the Board will handle testimony by residents and others not familiar with, or with no access to, Zoom. For anyone interested in reading the complete ZBA regulations and procedures, click [here](#).

**The Philadelphia Parking Authority has resumed metered parking enforcement throughout the City as of June 22.** Impoundment lots opened on June 20, and PPA offices on June 22. ***PPA will resume enforcement of residential parking time limits on 6/29. Residential parking permits expiring on 6/30 are extended to 7/31.***

### **More Federal Aid for Restaurants?**

A bipartisan bill is pending in the House for \$120 billion in additional aid for restaurants, called RESTAURANTS “Real Economic Support That Acknowledges Unique Restaurant Assistance Needed to Survive”. It would cover smaller restaurants with sales of less than \$1.5 million annually. It is not clear whether the new bill has any chance of being passed by Congress.

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### *Recreation (including for Kids), Culture:*

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#### **The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Roots Picnic Virtual Experience, this Saturday, June 27, at 8PM.**

Get details on how to RSVP and watch at [www.rootspicnic.com](http://www.rootspicnic.com).

**The Barnes Foundation is providing art programs for kids ages 3 to 12.** Go to [www.barnesfoundation.org/whats-on/family](http://www.barnesfoundation.org/whats-on/family). The site offers a series of projects --

poetry, collage, a lantern, landscapes, animal and self-portraits, found-object jewelry and more, in English and Spanish.

**The Rock and Roll Playhouse: Live from the Playroom.** Daily song and dance parties 11-11:30 AM Sundays and 3-3:30 PM Monday-Friday on the Rock and Roll Playhouse Facebook, and 1-1:1:30 PM Saturday on Industry City Facebook.

[www.therockandrollplayhouse.com](http://www.therockandrollplayhouse.com)

**Smith Memorial Playground is Doing a Phased Reopening,** Tues.-Sun 10AM to 4PM (weather permitting – indoor playhouse is currently closed for renovation), 3500 Reservoir Drive, free but donations accepted. One hundred guests will be allowed at a time and temperatures will be taken at the entrance. For more information on the reopening, go to [www.smithplayground.org/smithisopen](http://www.smithplayground.org/smithisopen)

**Story Time with Stim at the Annenberg Center.** The Annenberg Center has launched a story-time series with Penn students for the University's Stimulus Children's Theater Company. Go to [www.annenbergcenter.org/blog/story-time-with-stim](http://www.annenbergcenter.org/blog/story-time-with-stim) for more information. Ages 3-8.

**The Philadelphia Zoo: Outdoor Areas Will Be Reopening Starting July 6 for Members (opening to the public on July 9); Indoor Attractions Will remain Closed.** There will be a one-way flow of foot traffic, and “Less touch and more distance”. Masks will be required except for children under 8, although the Zoo strongly “encourages” masks for children ages 2-7. There will be touchless toilets, faucets, paper towel and soap dispensers, and handwashing stations throughout the campus. A “Clean Team” of staffers will sanitize high touch areas such as restrooms and lunch tables. **Reservations are required for all visitors, including members.**

**There Will be No City 4th of July Fireworks Over the Art Museum.**

The City, along with the Welcome America team, has announced, as expected, that there will be no July 4 fireworks display over the Art Museum due to the corona virus pandemic. However, fireworks shows from prior 4<sup>th</sup> of July events will be aired online.

**Wawa Welcome America:** The weeklong free Welcome America museum visits will be replaced by virtual tours and events. Hoagie Day will be celebrated by Wawa stores donating more than 45,000 sandwiches to “local community heroes and organizations”. In addition to performances by Cynthia Erivo and Jason Derulo, to be aired from The Met, there will also be virtual concerts by the Philadelphia Orchestra,

Philly Pops, and the U.S. Army Band. As noted, fireworks shows from prior years' 4th of July celebrations will be aired. [www.welcomeamerica.com](http://www.welcomeamerica.com)

**New Jersey: Amusement Parks, Waterparks, Boardwalk Rides, Can Open July 2 at 50% Capacity, Indoor Dining and Casinos at 25% of Capacity.** Social distancing and masks will be required. Further guidance is being developed by the State and will be issued shortly.

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***Other Public Coronavirus Orders/Regulations:***

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**New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut Will Require 14 Day Quarantining for Travelers from Other States Hit Hard Recently by the Coronavirus.**

On June 24, the Governors of New Jersey, New York and Connecticut announced a joint program requiring **a 14-day quarantine, starting June 25,** for travelers coming from states whose infection rates meet certain thresholds indicating "significant community spread." This includes visitors from those states and returning residents who have visited those states. Currently, 8 states including Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah meet the test for quarantining. All traveling from these states are urged to be tested. Hotels will also be asked to communicate this to guests from these states. NJ, NY, and CT will enforce these measures, but currently will not be setting up checkpoints. With more than half the country experiencing a surge in infections, more states are likely to be added to the quarantine list. It is unclear how enforcement will be carried out, or whether the requirement is even Constitutional, despite the pressing need to impose measures to avoid the spread of the virus from hard hit areas.

**Delaware announced that it will delay the implementation of Phase 3 of their Economic Reopening Plan.** Delaware was due to enter Phase 3 (which is similar to PA's Green Phase) on Monday, June 29, but Governor Carney announced that the decision to enter the less restrictive phase will be delayed into next week, until they can "get a better handle on what is going on in Delaware and around the country." Many states have been announcing upticks in positive test results, and the Governor is reminding the public that the disease has not gone away, to not let their guard down, and to continue wearing masks and social distancing, in order to avoid following the upward trend of other states.

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## *Staying Connected:*

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**Zoom is offering free 30-minute tours of its site and covers the basics of how to use their online virtual meeting service** Go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) to register and to select a time to attend a live webinar training session.

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## *Education:*

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**The University of Pennsylvania is Making PennRSSA (Penn Rising Senior Summer Academy) Available to up to 2500 Philadelphia high school seniors** in public, charter, and parochial schools. The program involves a 4-week college and career prep virtual summer academy course, from July 6-31, with three hours of instruction, from 10AM to 2PM, with breaks. For those students unable to commit to that time frame, Penn is also offering an Open Academy online summer college prep course and a How to Apply to College course that students can take on their own time. Visit <https://provost.upenn.edu/pennrssa> for more information and to apply.

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## *Other:*

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**The Lyft Ride Share App will now show other transit information** and compare costs in Philadelphia and certain other cities.

**Get A Free Recycling Bin at City Sanitation Centers.** The closest City Sanitation Center to our community is located at 2601 Glenwood Ave., 215-685-8072. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday 8AM to 8PM, during the City's COVID-19 response, but it is recommended that you call to be sure they have them, and that they are open. You can also use any rigid (plastic or metal) container (no larger than 32 gallons) but you must write RECYCLING on it. ABSOLUTELY NO PAPER OR PLASTIC BAGS, CARDBOARD BOXES ETC!

**Weekly Recycling Resumes Monday, July 6.** The City had temporarily changed recycling to a biweekly schedule, but July 6 will mark its return to every trash day.

**SEPTA is Raising Fares, but Not Until January; As of July 1, Children Under 12 Ride Free, and Free Transfer Conditions are Expanded.** Click [here](#) for details.

**PENNDOT has extended the expiration date for drivers' licenses, ID cards, and learners' permits, to July 31** (for those set to expire between March 16 and July 31). You can also renew your driver's license or ID online, go to [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov)

**Fairmount Ave. Improvement Project Update:**

"No Parking – Street Work Scheduled" signs have been posted on Fairmount Ave. from Corinthian Ave. west to Pennsylvania Ave. for work to be performed from Friday 6/26 to Monday 6/29, 7AM-5PM.