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Fredericksburg moves into Phase Two of COVID-19 response

(Fredericksburg, VA) June 5, 2020 - The City of Fredericksburg, along with most other Virginia localities, is moving today to Phase Two of our COVID-19 response, meaning that some restrictions will be eased on retailers, restaurants, gyms and many other businesses and activities.

Under Phase Two, Virginia will maintain a “Safer at Home” strategy. The maximum number of individuals permitted in a social gathering will increase from 10 to 50 people. All businesses should still adhere to physical-distancing guidelines, frequently clean and sanitize high-contact surfaces, and continue enhanced workplace-safety measures.

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam announced the move to Phase Two Tuesday at a news conference in which he noted that key metrics indicated that it will be possible to move forward in reopening. Restrictions will continue on many businesses, which can be found [here](#). Recommendations continue for social distancing, teleworking, and requiring individuals to wear face coverings in indoor public settings.

In downtown Fredericksburg, special expanded sidewalk-seating areas for restaurants permitted during Phase One will be allowed to continue at least through the weekend. Restaurants and brick-and-mortar retail will be allowed to serve customers inside at 50 percent of their capacity, while assuring that parties maintain spacing at 6 feet.

A mandatory [citywide curfew](#) will continue into Monday morning. No person is authorized to be in public between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. (some exclusions do apply) to protect the health and safety of people and property. People are encouraged to dine out a little earlier than usual so they can enjoy our great restaurants and then head home by the curfew.

Many of the City’s Parks and Recreation facilities -- including tennis, pickleball and basketball courts, and the hockey rink at Dixon Park -- re-opened today as well. Sports fields will be available for rentals. Users are reminded to adhere to CDC and the Governor’s guidelines in use of the facilities, especially maintaining the 10 feet of separation for social distancing recommendations, while using these facilities.

Playgrounds and park shelters cannot be opened yet, per the Governor’s orders.

Fredericksburg museums and visitor centers remain closed, although all battlefields are available for visitors.

In addition to restaurants and retail businesses, fitness centers may open indoor areas at 30 percent occupancy, and certain recreation and entertainment venues without shared equipment may open with restrictions.

The current guidelines for religious services, non-essential retail, and personal grooming services will largely remain the same in Phase Two. Overnight summer camps, most indoor entertainment venues, amusement parks, fairs, and carnivals will also remain closed in Phase Two.

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