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City to reopen most municipal facilities, with limitations, on Monday

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The City of Harrisonburg will reopen most municipal facilities to the public next week, with safeguards in place to protect the health and wellness of City staff and visitors.

City Hall and many other City buildings will officially reopen on Monday, Aug. 3. City officials moved to close facilities to the public on March 23 in the days following the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in the area. City staff have remained at work during the closure, and all essential City services continued unchanged while residents were encouraged to use online tools to engage with staff whenever possible.

Limitations will be in place once facilities reopen on Monday. All visitors will be required to wear a mask when entering a municipal building, and social distancing will be mandatory. Only a limited number of visitors at any given time will be allowed inside buildings, **and all residents are encouraged to first pursue services by phone or the City's website prior to visiting a facility.**

Facilities to reopen include:

- City Hall
- Department of Public Works complex
- Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation
- Hardesty-Higgins House
- Westover Skate Park
- Extended hours for lap lane reservations at Westover Pool
- Expanded operations at Heritage Oaks Golf Course, including reduced times between tee times

Additionally:

- The Lucy F. Simms Center fitness center will officially reopen for limited use on Aug. 10, but reservations can be requested starting Aug. 3. Usage will be limited to one individual at a time, and reserved for adults ages 65 years old and older, and for those considered at an increased risk from COVID-19. Call 540-437-9213 for more information and reservations.



Harrisonburg City Hall (above) and many other municipal facilities will reopen to the public, with safeguards in place, on Monday, Aug. 3.

- The Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center fitness center will officially reopen by reservation only, for members only, on Aug. 10, but reservations can be requested starting Aug. 3. Call 540-433-2474 for membership information and to make a reservation.

At this time, all City playgrounds, in addition to Riven Rock Park and the Price Rotary Senior Center, remain closed to the public, as do bathrooms at all parks. Also remaining closed at this time are the Public Safety Building (call ahead if visiting; call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency), all fire stations (call ahead if needed; call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency), and the Department of Public Utilities water billing office. Residents needing to pay a bill can use the drop box outside Public Utilities, at 2155 Beery Road, or the drop box outside City Hall, or at the Treasurer's Office on the first floor of City Hall.

- **The City of Harrisonburg is urging all residents to follow VDH and Centers for Disease Control guidelines when it comes to responding to COVID-19. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or use the inside of your elbow. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid close contact with people who are sick, and stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Wear a mask when you go out.**
- **Put at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and other people at all times. Remember, even if you are not showing symptoms, you could still have COVID-19 and could pass it to someone else.**

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 54,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is available online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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