



COVID-19 update
Dan Toland, Mayor, May 15, 2020

Today, Pierce County issued [guidelines](#) for residents and businesses in the absence of the Badger Bounce Back Plan. The county's plan includes a call to action and several important recommendations for continued vigilance. These include: 1) avoiding large gatherings greater than 10; 2) physical distancing, staff monitoring, and adequate cleaning in local businesses; and 3) limiting travel, especially to those communities with higher transmission rates.

Regarding business operations and openings, I am asking owners/managers to follow [CDC guidelines](#) and Pierce County public health recommendations as well as the county's [business toolkit](#), which includes sample plans and checklists for reopening.

Several businesses have decided to continue operating with takeout options only. To accommodate them and their customers, I am asking that the public continue to observe the 30-minute-only parking guideline for Main Street. Please utilize public lots for longer-term parking.

We are steadily moving into Phase 1 of our ["Crushing COVID-19" plan](#) issued last week. We are working on an amended plan incorporating county recommendations and CDC guidelines. However, the plan for City services and facilities remains the same as outlined previously. We are moving from the Safer at Home phase to Phase 1 of our plan.

Here is the current status of selected City facilities:

- Open now: dog park; playgrounds; sporting courts; campground for self-contained camping only; compost site (quick in and out, please); curbside, contactless library service
- Open by the end of business next Friday, May 22: park bathroom facilities; reservable park open shelters with capacity restrictions
- Open on or after May 26: City Hall walk-in lobby service
- TBD: Plans for the swimming pool and splashpad as well as recreational programming (camps, leagues, swim lessons, etc.) will be announced as we finalize plans and monitor public health recommendations. We will also examine how and when reservations may begin for Hoffman Park and Glen Park enclosed shelters. Thank you for being patient as we put safeguards in place.

Note that facility usages come with restrictions, including limiting groups to 10 or less and use-at-your-own-risk cautions. Regardless of the facility, however, I am confident you will continue to practice good hygiene and follow social distancing guidelines. We all need to keep community safety top of mind as we progress carefully through our recovery process.

I also want to remind residents to be kind to one another. We have all encountered hardships, some more than others, that is true. However, we will not get to the end of this road without each other's care and support. Being part of this community means something; let's honor it.

I look forward to updating the community again in my weekly video next Tuesday. We will have county case statistics, healthcare capacity reporting, and public health readiness information for you then.

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