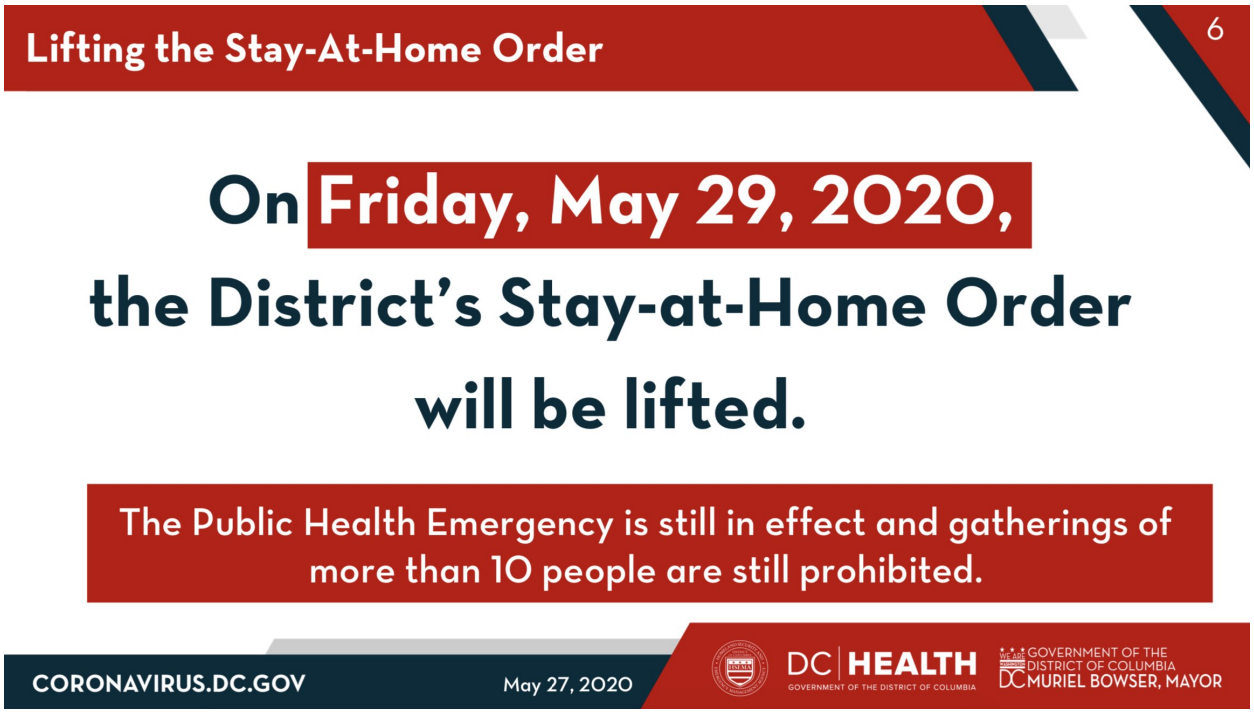
Phase One



Phase One Reopening Mayor's Order

- Mayor's Order: Phase One of Washington, DC Reopening

Phase One Modified Government Operations

Department of Parks and Recreation: Starting May 29, athletics fields, gated parks, dog parks, tennis courts, and skate parks will start to re-open. Contact sports and groups of more than 10

people remain prohibited.

DC Public Library: Residents may reserve books to be picked up curbside at the Anacostia, Benning, Cleveland Park, Mt. Pleasant, Northeast, Shepherd Park, West End, and Woodridge libraries. Residents may reserve books using the cart function at dclibrary.org or by calling the library.

Department of Public Works: Starting May 29, residents can visit the Fort Totten Transfer Station for all normal operations including: bulk trash drop-off, food waste drop-off, document

Department of Motor Vehicles: On Tuesday, June 2, the Southwest Service Center will be by appointment only for residents to access: first-time/conversion DC license/ID card (including learner permit), first-time/conversion DC vehicle titling/registration, and knowledge test. No vehicle inspection or road tests are offered at this time. Make an appointment at dmv.dc.gov.

Reimagining Outdoor Space: Restaurants and Retail

As part of Phase One, sidewalk space, alleys, parking lanes and travel lanes can be converted into parklets, outdoor dining seating, streateries, dining plazas and curbside pickup and delivery.

Application Steps

- Step 1: Read Guidelines on Reimagining Outdoor Space: Restaurants and Retail
- Step 2: Complete Expanded Outdoor Dining/Streatery Registration Form
- Step 3, if Applicable: Go to tops.ddot.dc.gov to submit a public space permit application

Other Resources

- Reimagining Outdoor Space: Restaurants and Retail Fact Sheet
- Streatery FAQs (Expanded Outdoor Dining)
- ABRA New and Expanded Outdoor Dining Seating Guidance

Phase One Health Guidance

To access a complete list of COVID-19 health guidances, including those not specific to Phase One, visit coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance.

To access DC Health's Health Notices page, including health alerts not specific to COVID-19, visit dchealth.dc.gov/page/health-notices.

General Public

- Contacts of a Person Confirmed to Have COVID-19
- General Guidance for the Public
- Guidelines for Household Members, Intimate Partners, and Caregivers (in a Non-healthcare Setting) of a Person Confirmed to have Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)
- Individuals with Chronic Health Conditions
- Masks and Cloth Face Covering for General Public
- Older Adults
- Persons Who Tested Positive for COVID-19
- Pet Owners (Phase One) - June 5, 2020

Childcare and Schools

- Childcare Services
- Schools

Business and Recreation

- Cosmetology and Barber Professionals
- Curbside Services
- For-Hire Vehicle, Taxi, and Rideshare Vehicles
- Mass Gatherings (Phase One)
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Restaurants
- Travel

Health Care Providers

- Skilled Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Residences
- Dental Care
- Elective Surgery

Phase One FAQs

In the Mayor's Order and guidance provided by DOH, salons are asked to operate with stations six feet apart. Many salons do not have the space for that much distance and stations are not moveable, can dividers be placed (i.e. curtains) to accommodate?
No. In Phase One, barbershops and hair salons are allowed to operate limited services by appointment only with strong safeguards and physical distancing requirements. Those physical

distancing requirements may require stations to move or temporary stations to be installed for a period of time.

Can craft/flea markets operate if these locations do not have food stalls like Farmers Markets?

Craft/flea markets are considered nonessential businesses that could offer curbside pickup or delivery, but not shopping or browsing through the market. Vendors may sell their products online and offer delivery or pick-up at a permitted location.

Nonessential businesses may provide those services, in addition to continuing minimum basic operations, and having staff practice social distancing if on-site and implementing sanitization and disinfection protocols.

Can gyms or fitness studios host 1:1 training sessions in their location?

Not indoors. Gyms and fitness studios are not allowed to open for customers during Phase One for indoor sessions.

Can gyms or fitness studios hold organized outdoor training sessions or classes?

Yes, however, individuals must practice social distancing and there may not be more than ten individuals present. Individuals should bring any necessary equipment and there should be no shared equipment amongst individuals.

Can businesses rent segways and provide tours with less than ten individuals in the District?

Segway tours remain nonessential businesses during Phase One of the District's reopening. Guided tours are not permitted.

If a company wanted to sell equipment for curbside pickup or delivery or rent equipment, it could offer those retail services curbside or through delivery. If equipment was being rented, it would have to have a sanitization and disinfection plan for the equipment between rentals.

If non-essential office workers return to their offices but maintain social distance, wear masks, not gather in groups of ten or more, etc. is that permissible?

No, in accordance with Section III, nonessential businesses remain closed, except for minimum basic operations or curbside pickup or delivery.

Text of Mayor's Order

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM
Mayor's Order 2020-067

May 27, 2020

SUBJECT: Phase One of Washington, DC Reopening

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia pursuant to section 422 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, Pub. L. 93-198, 87 Stat. 790, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22 (2016 Repl.); pursuant to the Coronavirus Support Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 (the "Act"), effective May 19, 2020, D.C. Act 23-326, and any substantially similar subsequent emergency or temporary legislation; section 5 of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective March 5, 1981, D.C. Law 3-149, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304 (2018 Repl.); section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002, D.C. Law 14-194, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01 (2018 Repl.); section 1 of An Act To Authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make regulations to prevent and control the spread of communicable and preventable diseases, approved August 11, 1939, 53 Stat. 1408, D.C. Official Code §§ 7-131 et seq. (2012 Repl.); and in accordance with Mayor's Order 2020-045, dated March 11, 2020, Mayor's Order 2020-046, dated March 11, 2020, Mayor's Order 2020-050, dated March 20, 2020, Mayor's Order 2020-063, dated April 15, 2020, and Mayor's Order 2020-066, May 13, 2020, it is hereby ORDERED that:

I. **BACKGROUND**

1. This Order incorporates the findings of prior Mayor's Orders relating to COVID-19.

2. As of May 26, 2020, 8,334 District residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and tragically 440 District residents have lost their lives already due to COVID-19. Further, COVID-19 continues to spread in the Maryland and Virginia areas near Washington, DC.

3. On March 24, 2020, I issued Mayor's Order 2020-053 restricting business activity in the District and directing the closure of non-essential businesses. On March 30, 2020, I issued Mayor's Order 2020-054, a "Stay at Home" order, requiring individuals to stay at their residences except to engage in essential business, essential travel, and allowable recreational activity.

4. On April 23, 2020, I constituted the ReOpen DC Advisory Group and charged it with

making recommendations for how to execute a sustainable reopening of the District through data-driven analysis, community feedback, and guidance from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, anchored in four (4) DC values: health, opportunity, prosperity, and equity. The ReOpen DC Advisory Group delivered recommendations to me on May 21, 2020.

5. The ReOpen DC Advisory Group recommended a four (4)-phase approach to reopening businesses, government operations, services, and activities in the District, with each phase reducing restrictions and moving toward Phase Four, when District restrictions based in protecting public health would lift. These are recommendations without the force of guidance, order, or law. The Administration will operationalize those recommendations that it accepts per phase by Mayor's Order.

6. The authorization of Phase One is based on the Department of Health's (DOH) evaluation of certain gated criteria. These are consistent with criteria recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and DOH's determination that the District has met applicable metrics that enable us to reduce certain restrictions on businesses, government operations, services, and activities. The criteria and metrics include the following:

a. COVID-19 Case Decline: Including a sustained fourteen (14)-day decrease in community spread and low transmission rate of Rt < 1 for three (3) days;

b. Testing Capacity: Including capacity to test individuals who are symptomatic, in essential roles, at-risk healthcare workers, or who have had close contacts with individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19;

c. Health Care System Capacity: Including a sufficient healthcare capacity of with hospital occupancy under eighty percent (80%) for over seven (7) days, without resort to surge capacity; and

d. Public Health System Capacity: Including a sufficient contact tracing system for COVID-19 cases and contact tracing attempt of new cases within one (1) day and their close contacts within two (2) days.

7. In Phase One, certain activities — where the risk of transmission has been determined to be low and when strong safeguards are in place — are being allowed to restart.

8. Due to the diligence of residents and the patience of businesses in complying with

various Orders, directives, and guidance, the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths are below previous projections. Together, we have saved lives. We continue to have a shared responsibility to maintain our vigilance, in order to avoid a rapid increase in the occurrence of new cases and a spike in the number of fatalities, and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of our fellow District residents and visitors. We have a special responsibility to protect vulnerable populations and those who are subject to pre-COVID-19 health challenges and disparities, namely the elderly, African American and Latinx populations.

9. DOH will continue to monitor the rate of community and institutional transmission, COVID and influenza like illnesses, and capacity in the healthcare system. The District will expand testing capacity, access to tests, and contact tracing, and will enter subsequent phases of reopening, in a phased, incremental manner, when it is safe and prudent to do so.

10. If the District's progress in meeting the gated criteria deteriorates, the Executive may order more stringent measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 and address the changing circumstances of the public health emergency.

11. This Order declares that the District is in Phase One of reopening and establishes the applicable standards, lifts restrictions in the "Stay at Home" Order and allows certain businesses to reopen on May 29, 2020 under specified conditions.

II. LIFTING OF STAY-AT-HOME ORDER; CONTINUED PROHIBITION ON GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN TEN (10) INDIVIDUALS

1. During Phase One, individuals living in, working in, and visiting Washington, DC are no longer ordered to stay at their residences.

2. When leaving their residence, all individuals must continue to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from persons not in their household, except if such distance is impossible to maintain (such as when obtaining medical services or a haircut).

3. Wearing a mask or face covering is one tool to protect an individual's own health and the health of others, but it does not replace social distancing. DOH guidance relating to masks must be followed, as must the applicable orders of any regulatory agency for a specific activity. Such directives may be found on coronavirus.dc.gov/phaseone.

4. Paragraphs 1 through 6 of Section II of Mayor's Order 2020-054 ordering persons to stay at home are repealed.

5. Large gatherings of more than ten (10) individuals continue to be prohibited in the District, with the same caveats and exceptions set forth in prior Orders.

III. PHASE ONE OPERATION OF NONESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

1. Nonessential retail businesses may open to customers for:

    a. Outdoor pickup by customers of items ordered online or over the phone;

    b. Delivery of items ordered online or over the phone;

    c. Indoor shopping and indoor pickup of items continues to be prohibited at nonessential retail businesses; and

    d. Minimum Basic Operations of nonessential retail businesses may continue.

2. Barbershops and hair salons may operate as follows:

    a. Services may be provided by appointment only and these businesses are encouraged to keep customer information related to these appointments, including which barber or stylist saw which customer, for use by contact tracers should that become necessary;

    b. No waiting inside the shop is permitted; in the shop there may be one customer per barber or stylist;

    c. The limited opening of barbershops and hair salons in Phase One does not yet authorize services such as waxing, electrolysis, threading, and nail care at such shops;

    d. Barbershops and hair salons may sell hair-related products to customers immediately before or after appointments, but otherwise may only sell products on a delivery or curbside-pickup basis; and

    e. Open customer stations of all types must be at least six (6) feet from each other.

3. Businesses that operate pursuant to this Order must follow protocols required by prior Mayor's Orders and guidance provided by the Department of Health, and also must:

    a. Inform all employees that they should not come to work if sick and of applicable leave provisions; and

b. Create a plan regarding COVID-19, including providing all employees information about testing locations in the District and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

4. For clarity, nonessential businesses that remain closed except for minimum business operations, curbside pickup or delivery, or home-based services include: fitness establishments (gyms; health clubs; spas; massage parlors; workout studios); tanning, tattoo, waxing, electrolysis, cryotherapy, facials, and nail salons; sporting venues; bowling alleys, skating rinks and gaming arcades; gymnastics, yoga, and dance studios; sauna and hot-tub showrooms or facilities; rock climbing centers; indoor racquet and squash courts; cigar and hookah bars and head shops; jewelry and watch stores; clothing stores; cosmetics stores; mattress stores; party supply stores; florists; gift, pen, and award shops; card/stationery stores; photography studios; toy stores; book stores; candle shops; sunglasses shops; home goods stores; pottery making or glassblowing workshops; party venues; frame stores; camping, skiing and other outdoor gear stores; weigh-in/weight loss centers and vitamin/supplement stores; tasting rooms and cooking demonstration facilities; theaters, cinemas and auditoriums; museums and galleries; bars, nightclubs, mixed-use facilities and private social clubs, except those licensed to serve food and permitted by the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA); travel agencies; test preparation/tutoring centers; and professional services other than those provided to essential businesses and grantmaking.

IV. PHASE ONE OPERATION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Healthcare providers may continue to offer, or resume offering, services, including outpatient or other surgical procedures in the District that will not unduly burden hospital capacity or COVID-19 related resources. Guidance on allowable Phase One procedures is provided by DOH.

V. PHASE ONE ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS OF LICENSED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

1. In addition to providing takeout, delivery, and “grab and go,” subject to the conditions set forth in section V.2 below:

a. Restaurants and other licensed food establishments may open for outdoor dining; and

b. Taverns, nightclubs and mixed-use facilities that serve food, and that are already approved to provide such outdoor service by ABRA, may also operate outdoor dining.

2. Outdoor dining must occur in areas approved by the District Department of

Transportation (DDOT) and ABRA and include the following minimum safeguards:

a. All outdoor dining customers must be seated, place orders, and be served at tables;

b. No more than six (6) individuals may be seated at a table or a joined table;

c. All tables serving separate parties must be at least six (6) feet apart; and

d. All restaurants must implement sanitization and disinfection protocols.

3. Licensed food establishments are encouraged to use a reservation system, preferably online or by telephone, to avoid crowding and queuing nearby.

4. Licensed food establishments are encouraged to keep customer logs to facilitate contact tracing by DOH.

VI. PHASE ONE ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS OF FARMERS MARKETS

1. Farmers Markets operating under a waiver granted pursuant to Paragraph IV of Mayor's Order 2020-058 may amend their plans and requests for waivers to:

a. Allow the sale of non-food items and food prepared on site;

b. Allow customers to select their own produce;

c. Provide produce in non-pre-bagged quantities; and

d. Provide non-essential information and education.

2. All existing waivers shall be extended to allow the market to operate through the rest of the season.

3. Amended plans and requests for waiver that include only the new items referenced above shall be deemed approved when filed with dcfoodpolicy@dc.gov, but may later be required to be modified or may be rejected based on review by the District.

VII. ADDITIONAL PHASE ONE PROVISIONS

1. The Department of Parks and Recreation is authorized to reopen parks, dog parks, tennis courts, tracks, and fields. Playgrounds, public pools, recreation centers, and indoor facilities remain closed.

2. The Office of Planning, in conjunction with the Deputy Mayor for Education and the Department of Health, is directed to implement a campus plan approval process for colleges and universities by July 1, 2020 to plan for safe reopening.

VIII. EVENTS REQUIRING PERMITS IN THE DISTRICT

1. Unless otherwise authorized by the Mayor, the Mayor's Special Events Task Group (MSETG) shall not consider any special event permit requests for events during the public health emergency (currently authorized through July 24, 2020).

2. For events that are scheduled to occur after July 24, 2020, MSETG may consider special event permit requests, provided that the event organizers are notified: (i) that any expenditure of funds is strictly at their own risk; (ii) that any permit that is issued is subject to cancellation after issuance in the interest of public health; and (iii) additional conditions may be placed on a permit after its issuance, such as a limit on attendance, distancing and cleaning requirements, and other restrictions and conditions to protect the public health.

3. First responder resources cannot be reserved to serve special events in Phase One.

4. MSETG, in conjunction with DDOT, shall identify public space, including sidewalks, roads, and alleys, or any portions thereof, to be closed to vehicular traffic for specific days and times to allow for expanded pedestrian and bicycle usage, dedicated bus lanes, and outdoor customer seating for Phase One licensed food or retail establishments consistent with public safety. MSETG, DDOT, ABRA, and DOH shall pilot a process to designate portions of the closed public space for use by Phase One licensed food and retail establishments, with no fees imposed upon any business.

IX. EXTENSIONS OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

1. The public emergency and public health emergency declared by Mayor's Orders 2020-045 and 2020-046, respectively, and extended by Mayor's Orders 2020-050, 2020-063, and 2020-066, respectively, are further extended for the duration authorized by the Council of the District of Columbia, to July 24, 2020.

2. The provisions of all Mayor's Orders concerning the COVID-19 public health emergency shall continue to apply, unless otherwise modified or superseded by this Order.

X. SUPERSESSION

This Order supersedes any Mayor's Order issued during the COVID-19 public health

emergency to the extent of any inconsistency.

XI. ENFORCEMENT

1. Any individual or entity that knowingly violates this Order may be subject to civil and administrative penalties authorized by law, including sanctions or penalties for violating D.C. Official Code § 7-2307, including civil fines or summary suspension or revocation of licenses.

2. Individuals should call 311 to report any suspected violations of this or other Mayor's Orders related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

3. Official guidance posted on coronavirus.dc.gov/phaseone may be relied upon by those seeking to understand whether an activity is or is not allowed.

XII. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

1. This Order shall be effective at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2020.

2. The Order shall continue to be in effect until the date that the state of emergency is lifted or extended, but not later than the date authorized by Council, July 24, 2020, or until this Order is rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by a subsequent Order.

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MAYOR

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