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**City of Hardeeville Facility Reopening Plan**

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As we continue to navigate through uncertain times, the City of Hardeeville City Council and City Administration supports the City's Phased Reopening Plan as presented at the May 21<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting.

The Community Strategy for Phased Reopening is complementary to Governor McMaster's "Accelerate South Carolina" and the White House's "Opening Up America Again" guidance. The Community Strategy for Phased Reopening is nested within the guidance of the federal and state plans. It provides locally relevant guidance and a strategy for supporting a safe phased reopening. As additional federal and state guidance is released, amendments may be issued.

This phased plan presents a pathway for reopening of City facilities that relies on the *Five Core Actions* that include physical distancing, recommendation to wear cloth face coverings, handwashing, cleaning surfaces and staying home if you are sick or instructed to isolate/quarantine.

City of Hardeeville's reopening plan is aligned with the State's guidelines and CDC recommendations based reducing the impacts of COVID-19 and protect public health.

The initial phase, **Phase I** of the City of Hardeeville's reopening plan was introduced on **Monday, June 01** as the City reopened the Richard Gray Sports Complex for passive recreation and partner utilization.

**Hardeeville Municipal Court**

Beginning **Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**, Hardeeville Municipal Court will resume activities and will be fully operational, as Traffic/Criminal Court will take place starting at 10:00 am. Any guest upon arrival will stop at the designated check-in location and will provide a ticket number along with a cell phone number to be contacted by. All guests will then return to their vehicle and wait for a text message from the court advising to enter the court. All defendants, witnesses and/or attorneys are encouraged to wear masks and, only these individuals, will be allowed in the courtroom.

### **Hardeeville City Council Meeting**

The City Council meeting that is scheduled on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> will remain closed to the general public. Only representatives associated with corresponding agenda items will be invited to attend the meeting. All meeting attendees will be practicing physical distancing. Residents and people of interest are encouraged to continue watching the meetings via the City's public television station, website and Social Media platforms and participate electronically.

### **City Hall and City Facilities**

On Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>, City Hall and other City facilities lobbies will reopen, each facility will have limited accessibility. All lobbies will have necessary signage in place to direct visitors to appropriate services. Meetings by appointment will only be held in designated meeting spaces. All guests will practice physical distancing as recommended and utilize the hand sanitizer that is made available upon entry. It is recommended that the utilization of online services, video conferencing, email and telephone communication continue until all restrictions are removed by the Governor and in accordance with CDC guidelines.

We encourage our residents to exercise personal responsibility, to remain respectful and to remain supportive as we take necessary steps to protect public health, while at the same time protecting our community.

For more details regarding the City's phased reopening plan, please visit [hardeevillesc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10686/City-of-Hardeeville---COVID-19-Reopen-Plan](http://hardeevillesc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10686/City-of-Hardeeville---COVID-19-Reopen-Plan). The plan is subject to change or be modified as needed based on State's guidelines and CDC recommendations.

Continue to check [hardeevillesc.gov](http://hardeevillesc.gov) and the City's social media pages for current news, updates and information regarding the City's phased reopening plan.

For additional information or related questions, please contact Mr. Neil Parsons at the City of Hardeeville at [nparsons@hardeevillesc.gov](mailto:nparsons@hardeevillesc.gov) or 843-784-2231.

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