



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

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RELEASE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S PHASED REOPENING PLAN

As announced on June 5, 2020, the Township has prepared a plan that addresses the reopening of parks, recreation activities, and timelines for other services as the Township enters the yellow and green phases established by the Governor. The plan, which can be viewed below, is categorized by main Township services in dark grey in the first column. Those services, where applicable, are further broken down into light grey, left-aligned sub-headings.

It is important to note that this document will be updated as recommendations and directives change and develop. Additionally, some items are dependent upon when the Township enters the green phase, such as the reopening of Township pools. The plan has been developed with the guidance put forth by the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#), [Pennsylvania Department of Health \(PA DOH\)](#), [Governor's office](#), and [Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society \(PRPS\)](#), among others. As the health, safety, and welfare of our residents, visitors, and employees is our top priority, the Township is committed to meeting federal, state, and county safety and cleanliness standards and will aggressively monitor and modify our plans, as needed.

As prescribed in the plan and consistent with the guidance of governing bodies, we are requesting the continued practice of social distancing measures that have proven effective, such as maintaining at least 6 feet distance from others and wearing face masks. This will ensure that we continue to progress into the next phases and ultimately return to normal. We look forward to the reopening of the Township and greatly appreciate your cooperation and continued understanding.

Respectfully,

Richard J. Manfredi
Township Manager



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COVID-19 PHASED REOPENING PLAN

AS OF 7/17/2020

The following plan has been developed in response to the Governor’s phased approach to the reopening of Montgomery County. This plan is subject to change as guidance from federal, state, and county officials continues to evolve. To find the most up-to-date version of the plan, please visit www.abingtonpa.gov/reopening.

TOWNSHIP SERVICE OR FACILITY	YELLOW PHASE	GREEN PHASE	PHASE OUT (i.e., RETURN TO NORMAL OPERATIONS)
TOWNSHIP OPERATIONS	The Township Building, Public Works Yard, and Alverthorpe Manor will continue to provide all services online, through the mail drop, and over the phone. There will be no in-person transactions.	In-person transactions may occur by appointment only where appropriate and necessary. Many services will remain online, through mail drop, and over the phone.	Open for business via online, phone, and in-person.
LARGE ITEM PICK-UP	Large item pick-up will be offered the week of June 22 nd . The Township will assess if the service can safely be continued after the week of June 22 nd . There will be no in-person orders. All orders will occur online or over the phone. The web-portal for online pick-up will go live on June 18 th and will be found at www.abingtonpa.gov/largeitempickuporder .	Large item pick-up will be offered online and over the phone. The web-portal for online pick-up can be found at www.abingtonpa.gov/largeitempickuporder .	Large item pick-up will be offered online, over the phone, and in person.
ABINGTON FREE LIBRARY	The Abington Free Library will begin offering curbside pick-up on June 15 th . For information regarding curbside pick-up, please visit www.abingtonfreelibrary.org . Virtual programming will continue. Libraries will remain closed to the public.	The Abington Free Library may reopen for in-person transactions at a reduced capacity provided public safety can be met by following the guidelines of the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH), U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and Governor.	Open for business as usual.
PARKS (SUNRISE TO SUNSET)	Parks open on June 9 th . Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed. Please see the subheadings in light grey below for greater detail. Alverthorpe Park will remain closed until June 15 th . Please see “Alverthorpe Park” below for more information.	Open. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must continue to be followed.	Open
Trails	Open. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open
Restrooms	Closed	Open, but only as staff is available for cleaning. Daily cleanings to occur. Staff will follow the PA DOH and CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting.	Open



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Athletic Fields	Open for individual recreational activity; no large groups. Baseball and softball team sports may practice with a permit. All permit holders will be required to provide a written plan to the Parks and Recreation Department as to how they will adhere to and enforce the current PA Dept. of Health and CDC guidelines. No competitive league games. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open for individual recreation activity. No large groups, teams, or organized sports until the organizers acquire the required permit from the Township. All permit holders will be required to provide a written plan to the Parks and Recreation Department as to how they will adhere to and enforce the current PA Dept. of Health and CDC guidelines.	Open
Basketball Courts	Closed	Open for recreational use. No large groups, teams, or organized sports until organizers acquire the required permit from the Township. All permit holders will be required to provide a written plan to the Parks and Recreation Department as to how they will adhere to and enforce the current PA Dept. of Health and CDC guidelines.	Open
Skate Parks	Open. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open
Pavilions	Closed	Reservations will begin at 50% capacity. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open
Playgrounds/Tot Lots	Closed	Open as of July 20. Use at your own risk. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC, PADOH and the Governor, must be followed.	Open
Exercise Equipment	Closed	Open. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open
Tennis Courts	Open for singles and doubles play. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open
Dog Parks	Closed	Open. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open



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ALVERTHORPE PARK (8 AM TO 8 PM)	Alverthorpe Park will be open from 8 AM to 8 PM beginning June 15 th . Please see the subheadings below for information on allowable activities. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open	Open
Trails	Open. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open
Restrooms	Closed	Open, but only if staff is available for cleaning. Daily cleanings to occur. Staff will follow the PA DOH and CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting.	Open
Athletic Fields	Open for individual recreational activity; no large groups. Baseball and softball team sports may practice with a permit. All permit holders will be required to provide a written plan to the Parks and Recreation Department as to how they will adhere to and enforce the current PA Dept. of Health and CDC guidelines. No competitive league games. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open for individual recreation activity; no large groups or team sports. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed. Organized sports will be required to have a permit that is approved by the Township. All permit holders will be required to provide a written plan to the Parks and Recreation Department as to how they will adhere to and enforce the current PA Dept. of Health and CDC guidelines.	Open
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Basketball Courts	Closed	Open for recreational use. No large groups, teams, or organized sports until organizers acquire the required permit from the Township. All permit holders will be required to provide a written plan to the Parks and Recreation Department as to how they will adhere to and enforce the current PA Dept. of Health and CDC guidelines.	Open



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Wading Pool	Closed	Closed	Open
Chip and Put	Open, but no equipment will be provided. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open, but no equipment will be provided. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Open
Mini - Golf	Closed	Closed	Open
Fishing	Permitted. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Permitted. Social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC and the Governor, must be followed.	Permitted
Campsites	Closed	Closed	Open
PR SPRING & SUMMER ACTIVITIES GUIDE	All programs and events are cancelled.	All programs and events are cancelled.	The Parks and Recreation Fall and Winter Activity Guide to be released in Fall 2020.
TOWNSHIP POOLS	Closed	Township pools will open on July 1, 2020. Please visit www.abingtonpa.gov/2020poolseason for more information on memberships, fees, registration and rules.	Township pools will open on July 1, 2020. Please visit www.abingtonpa.gov/2020poolseason for more information on memberships, fees, registration and rules.
TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTERS	Closed	Limited opening. No large groups, teams, or organized sports until organizers acquire the required permit from the Township. All permit holders will be required to provide a written plan to the Parks and Recreation Department as to how they will adhere to and enforce current PA DOH and CDC guidelines.	Open for business as usual.
BRIAR BUSH NATURE CENTER	Briar Bush Nature Center will remain closed. Virtual programs will continue to be offered. The trail system is currently closed due to storm damage. An announcement will be made when the trails are reopened.	Trails open. Indoor facilities will reopen at 50% capacity following the PA DOH, CDC, and Governor guidelines for programming. Camps may begin on July 6 th , if the Township is in the green phase. Administrative offices remain closed with no non-program related in-person transactions.	Open for business as usual.
SPECIAL EVENTS	Not permitted	Organizers of special events will be required to have a permit that is approved by the Township. All permit holders will be required to provide a written plan to the Parks and Recreation Department as to how they will adhere to and enforce current PA DOH and CDC guidelines.	