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City of Charlestown COVID-19 Phased Re-Opening Plan

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- **Criteria that must be met in order to begin the phased re-opening:**
 - Consistent decrease in the number of symptomatic patients and decreasing numbers of documented cases for 14-days. This can be measured by a **consistent decline** in the number of positive cases as a percent of the total tests completed.
 - Local hospitals are able to treat all patients without crisis care.
 - Proof of locally strong test availability including the availability of contact tracing for positive patients and antibody testing.

Assuming all criteria are met:

- **Phase I**
 - **CITY FACILITIES**
 - Playgrounds and city parks (except the FAC) reopen to the general public with limitations of no more than 10 individuals allowed in the park at one time. Patrons are asked to limit use to one hour so others can enjoy the park.
 - Facility rental of the A&E center is available for private party rental for groups of no more than 20 people. An extra cleaning fee for sanitization will be required during this phase.
 - City Hall and Police Headquarters open for limited use. Staff should continue to maintain physical distancing as much as possible and at-risk staff should work remotely. No large meetings of more than 10 people and no more than two people in the lobby at any time. Six-foot markers will be placed for reference. No social visits – essential business only.
 - **INDIVIDUALS**
 - All people in high risk categories due to age or underlying health issues should continue to shelter at home.
 - All individuals should observe physical distancing (at least 6 feet) from people who are not members of their own household even when in outdoor spaces.
 - All individuals should wear face masks or coverings in enclosed areas and in outdoor spaces where the 6-foot distance is difficult to achieve.
 - Large groups of more than 10 people from different households should be avoided.
 - Continue to minimize non-essential travel

Assuming no rebound of COVID-19 cases and a continuation of a decrease in cases as described in the criteria:

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- **Phase II**

- **CITY FACILITIES**

- Playground and city parks (except FAC) reopen to the general public but patrons are encouraged to maintain physical distance from people who are not household members and should judge capacity based on size of the park (no more than 15 people in small pocket parks, no more than 50 in Greenway)
- Facility rental at the A&E Center and FAC are available for private party rental for groups of no more than 50 people. An extra cleaning fee for sanitization will be charged during this phase.
- City Hall and Police Headquarters open with expectation of maintaining physical distancing and wearing of personal protection equipment.

- **INDIVIDUALS**

- All people in high risk categories due to age or underlying health issues should continue to shelter at home.
- All individuals should continue to observe physical distancing from non-family members and avoid social gatherings of more than 50 people.
- All individuals are encouraged to continue to wear masks and face coverings where physical distancing is difficult to achieve.
- Non-essential travel can resume

Assuming no rebound of COVID-19 cases and a continuation of a decrease in cases as described in the criteria:

- **Phase III**

- **CITY FACILITIES**

- Playground and city parks (except FAC) open to general public as usual with no restrictions.
- Facility rental at the A&E Center and FAC are available for private party rental for groups.
- City Hall and Police Headquarters open with no restrictions.

- **INDIVIDUALS**

- All people in high risk categories due to age or underlying health issues may resume public interaction but should practice physical distancing as appropriate for their situation and continue to wear face coverings/masks when in public.
- All individuals should continue to practice caution in large social groups or public spaces
- No travel restrictions

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Criteria

- Consistent decrease in # of symptomatic patients & documented cases for 14 days. Measured by consistent decline in the # of positive cases as a percent of total tests.
- Local hospitals can treat all patients without crisis care.
- Proof of locally strong test availability for contact tracing for positive patients + antibody testing.

Phase 1

- City parks reopen with no more than 10 individuals at a time. Please limit use to one hour.
- A&E Center rentals for private parties of 20 people or less. There will be extra cleaning fees for sanitization.
- City Hall open for limited use. Staff maintains physical distancing. Meetings of no more than 10 people, and no more than 2 people in the lobby. 6-Foot markers will be placed for reference. Essential visits only.
- People that are high risk should continue to shelter. Individuals should minimize non-essential travel, and groups of no more than 10 people should gather.

Phase 2

- City parks reopen with limitations of no more than 50 individuals in Greenway, and 15 people in pocket parks at any time.
- Rental of A&E Center for private party rentals of no more than 50 people. An extra cleaning fee for sanitization is required.
- City Hall is open with expectations of maintaining physical distancing & wearing personal protection equipment.
- People that are high risk should continue to shelter. Observe physical distancing in social gatherings of more than 50 people. Wear masks when this is hard to achieve. Non-essential travel may resume.

Phase 3

- City parks reopen to the general public as usual with no restrictions.
- Facility rental at the A&E and FAC are available for private party rental for groups.
- City Hall opens with no restrictions.
- People in high risk categories may resume public interaction but should practice physical distancing as appropriate, and continue to wear masks when in public.
- All individuals should continue to practice caution in large social groups or public spaces.
- No travel restrictions.

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Mayor Hodges will continue to broadcast live at 5:00 pm every Friday afternoon for Q&A and updates.