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Elisia…

Thanks for inquiring. The number of employees affected fluctuates, as you might expect, and that's true for the general population, too. We have seen an increase in the last week or so of staff members who've been exposed to someone who's tested positive for COVID-19. They are in quarantine as a result. As of yesterday, we had 26 staff members from a variety of departments in quarantine, although keep in mind that their release from quarantine will vary depending on the date when they were exposed. In other words, they aren't all on the same time line, although the quarantine length is the same for each (14 days). If you'll check the last couple of Friday Faxes, you'll see the timelines for which facilities have opened. For your convenience, I've copied-and-pasted that information below. Again, this was sent out to all of the news media in the weekly memo. The City Services Building is not yet open to the public. We are installing protective Plexiglas shields there, and that should be complete either late this week or early next week. We will have a protocol about visiting the City Services Building once it is ready to receive the public again. The number of persons allowed inside will be limited. Likewise, we also have included in the Friday Fax and elsewhere information about the opening of our recreation centers and the schedules they are following for both summer day camps and members' time. I've pasted that information below, too, from the Friday Fax. We do encourage visitors to wear facemasks and practice social distancing.

With summer day camps for ages five to 12 starting Monday, here are the updated membership hours for Myrtle Beach's recreation centers, which also will open on Monday, June 15, 2020. The public hours listed here are only for the weight rooms, cardio rooms and indoor track. Members are limited to 30-minute workouts. Showers are not available, and the swimming pools remain closed for now. Note that Crabtree Memorial Gymnasium will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The longer window (although still not regular hours) is because Crabtree Gym is not one of the summer camp sites. Again, the centers are open to members only during these times. Virtual exercise classes continue through the City of Myrtle Beach – Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism YouTube channel.

Crabtree Memorial Gymnasium
Monday through Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pepper Geddings Recreation Center and Mary C. Canty Recreation Center
Monday through Friday – 5:30 to 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday – 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday – 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Summer Camps (Pepper Geddings and Mary C. Canty Recreation Centers)
Monday through Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Savannah's Playground
Open Regular Hours (Crabtree Gym is no longer a summer camp location.)

Many Myrtle Beach city parks and facilities are now open, and the City Services Building is anticipated to reopen mid-week next week, with modifications installations beginning Monday. Social distancing signage reminds visitors to maintain at least six feet of space. Below is the tentative reopening schedule. This list is subject to change.

Open Facilities

- All Parks
- Ashley Booth Field (Public Enjoyment Only)
- Cabana Section Outdoor Exercise Equipment
- Chapin Memorial Library (Revised Hours, Protocols)
- City Hall
- Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium (Public Enjoyment Only)
- Grand Park Lake Outdoor Exercise Equipment

- Matt Hughes Skate Park
- Midway Park (Basketball activities are not permitted per the governor's orders.)
- Municipal Court
- Myrtle Beach Convention Center
- Myrtle Beach Sports Center
- Myrtle Beach Tennis Center
- Myrtle's Market
- Ned Donkle Field Complex
- Outdoor Pickleball Courts
- Outdoor Tennis Courts
- Playgrounds and Picnic Shelters
- Public Works Administration Building
- Ted C. Collins Law Enforcement Center

Monday, June 15, 2020

- Crabtree Memorial Gymnasium (Members Only – Revised Hours, Protocols)
- Mary C. Canty Recreation Center (Members Only – Revised Hours, Protocols)
- Pepper Geddings Recreation Center (Members Only – Revised Hours, Protocols)
- Sports Tourism Baseball/Softball Activities (Practice is allowed per the governor's orders beginning May 30.)

Awaiting Clarification/TBA

- All Indoor/Outdoor Basketball Activities
- City Services Building (Pending Installation of Lobby Modifications)
- General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center
- Grand Park Soccer Field and Hockey Rink
- Midway Park Outdoor Basketball Courts
- Pepper Geddings Recreation Center Outdoor Courts
- Myrtle Beach Train Depot (Closed to Rentals)

Chapin Memorial Library is now open with revised service hours. The library's zero contact pickup service is available and encouraged. Virtual programs continue through the Chapin Memorial Library YouTube channel. City personnel maintain reduced capacity limits. Questions? Call 843-918-1275. New facility hours are, as follows:

Monday through Thursday – 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday – 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday – 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday – Closed

Thanks,
Mark

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Good morning council,

My name is Elisia and I'm a reporter with News13. I'm working on a story today regarding local municipalities response to their own employees testing positive for COVID and being deemed a "hot spot" by SCDHEC. Reaching out for information on how many city employees have tested positive and how many are in quarantine for a potential exposure. Are city buildings still open to the public, if so, are masks required by both employees and guests? As cases continue to grow, is council currently considering reimplementing restrictions on hotels, tourists, or service industry businesses?

I am reachable at 616-929-2656 and hope to include responses by my 3 p.m. deadline.

Thank you in advance and look forward to hearing back soon,

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