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Gettysburg Borough COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Task Force **Gettysburg Moving to Phase Yellow - Preparing to Reopen Gettysburg's Economy** **Weekly Press Briefing**

Gettysburg, PA – Since early April, the Gettysburg Borough COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Task Force has diligently worked to prepare for and mitigate the Coronavirus pandemic in the Gettysburg community. In recent week, Gettysburg has been preparing for the day that visitors can once again be welcomed to the community and get Gettysburg's economy open again.

On, Friday, May 22, 2020 Adams County and Gettysburg move to 'Phase Yellow', which is a reopening of the economy with caution. Last week, Main Street Gettysburg formally launched the **Main Street Gettysburg Cares Program**, which provides local businesses tools and information to prepare for the 'Yellow Phase'. It is a program that tells all visitors that Gettysburg is prepared to reopen, prevent (to the extent possible) exposure to COVID-19 while visiting Gettysburg, and protect Gettysburg's visitors with multiple mitigation protocols in place.

"The entire slogan of Prepare, Prevent, and Protect of the Main Street Gettysburg Cares Program is to send the message that when you come to Gettysburg our businesses are ready to receive you and help protect you during your visit to Gettysburg", said Main Street Gettysburg President Deb Adamik.

As Gettysburg's businesses begin to reopen, so will access to local government. Following guidance from the White House, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and state and local public health authorities, Gettysburg Borough is increasing access and services using a phased approach. Municipal Building access will be consistent with the 'Yellow Phase' of Governor Wolf's reopening plan.

"Beginning on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 the Borough will begin issuing licenses and permits to applicants in a vast array of areas, like construction permits and guided walking tour licenses", said Borough Manager Charles Gable. Gable continued, *"The Borough Building will be open to those seeking in-person assistance from staff on an appointment basis only. Visitors to the Borough Building will be restricted to the*

lobby only and must wear a face mask during their visit and must adhere to social distancing standards of 6-foot separation from Borough staff”.

This phased approach is consistent with Governor Wolf’s [Process to Reopen Pennsylvania](#) and is summarized below.

Red Phase
Work & Congregate Setting Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Sustaining Businesses Only Congregate Care and Prison Restrictions in Place Schools (for in-person instruction) and Most Child Care Facilities Closed
Social Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay at Home Orders in Place Large Gatherings Prohibited Restaurants and Bars Limited to Carry-Out and Delivery Only Only Travel for Life-Sustaining Purposes Encouraged
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reiterate and reinforce safety guidance for businesses, workers, individuals, facilities, update if necessary Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary <p>As regions or counties move into the yellow phase, some restrictions on work and social interaction will ease while others, such as closures of schools, gyms, and other indoor recreation centers, hair and nail salons, as well as limitations around large gatherings, remain in place. For example, retail locations will be able to open with forthcoming guidance in place that is substantially similar to the worker safety and building safety order. Otherwise retail will be able to allow for curbside pickup. The purpose of this phase is to begin to power back up the economy while keeping a close eye on the public health data to ensure the spread of disease remains contained to the greatest extent possible.</p>
Yellow Phase
Work & Congregate Setting Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telework Must Continue Where Feasible Businesses with In-Person Operations Must <u>Follow Business and Building Safety Orders</u> Child Care Open Complying with Guidance Congregate Care and Prison Restrictions in Place Schools Remain Closed for In-Person Instruction
Social Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay at Home Order Lifted for Aggressive Mitigation Large Gatherings of More Than 25 Prohibited In-Person Retail Allowable, Curbside and Delivery Preferable Indoor Recreation, Health and Wellness Facilities and Personal Care Services (such as gyms, spas, hair salons, nail salons and other entities that provide massage therapy), and all Entertainment (such as casinos, theaters) Remain Closed Restaurants and Bars Limited to Carry-Out and Delivery Only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All businesses must follow CDC and DOH guidance for social distancing and cleaning Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary <p>The green phase eases most restrictions by lifting the stay at home and business closure orders to allow the economy to strategically reopen while continuing to prioritize public health. While this phase will facilitate a return to a “new normal,” it will be equally important to continue to monitor public health indicators and adjust orders and restrictions as necessary to ensure the spread of disease remains at a minimum.</p>
Green Phase
Work & Congregate Setting Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Businesses Must Follow CDC and PA Department of Health Guidelines
Social Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aggressive Mitigation Lifted All Individuals Must Follow CDC and PA Department of Health Guidelines

The Borough will be making additional announcements regarding its move into the 'Yellow Phase' of reopening at its press briefing at 2:30 PM on Thursday, May 21, 2020. See the attached press briefing agenda for details. The public will be able to view the press conference via Community Media 'live stream' as well as 'live stream' on both Facebook pages of Gettysburg Borough and the Gettysburg Borough Police Department. The media is invited to attend in person.

The Gettysburg Borough COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Task Force is comprised of leaders in the delivery of human services, economic development, and government.

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Gettysburg Borough COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Task Force Press Conference Thursday, May 21, 2020 -- 2:30 PM Troxell Council Chamber, Gettysburg Municipal Building

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| I. | Introduction | Charles Gable, Gettysburg Borough Manager |
| II. | Reopening Gettysburg | Charles Gable, Gettysburg Borough Manager
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| | a. Move to Phase Yellow | |
| | i. Restaurant Parking Bags | |
| | ii. Parking Enforcement | |
| | iii. Code Enforcement | |
| | iv. Permits/Licenses Issued | |
| | v. Access to Municipal Building | |
| | vi. Borough Council/ABC Meetings | |
| | b. Public Safety/Enforcement | Chief Robert Glenny |
| | c. Main Street Gettysburg (MSG) | Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg |
| | i. MSG Cares Program | |
| | 1. MSG Business Advocate | |
| | ii. Borough Business Loan | Charles Gable, Gettysburg Borough Manager |
| | iii. Main Street Gettysburg Cares Video | |
| | -- Gettysburg's Reopening | |
| III. | Gettysburg National Military Park (GNMP) | Steve Sims, GNMP Superintendent |
| IV. | Questions | Charles Gable, Gettysburg Borough Manager |

Borough Council Meetings Set

- i. **Date:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020
- ii. **Time:** 6:30 PM CDBG Public Hearing
- Time:** 7:00 PM Special Council Meeting
- Time:** 7:30 PM Council Workshop
- iii. **Method:** Electronic/Remote – ZOOM Platform
- iv. **Agenda:** Posted to Borough Website
 - 1. www.GettysburgPA.gov
- v. **Public Participation in Public Comment Period: Pre-Registered**
 - 1. **Register by:**
 - a. Email CGable@GettysburgPA.gov or
 - b. Call (717) 334-1160 ext.222
 - 2. **Deadline to Register for public Comment: Noon, May 26, 2020**
 - 3. **Access Code will be sent after registration**
- vi. **Meetings will be Live Streamed:**
 - 1. **Community Media**
 - 2. **Borough Facebook Page**
 - 3. **Borough Police Department Facebook Page**