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Douglas Phased Approach to Reopening

DOUGLAS, ARIZ. – May 19, 2020. In conjunction with Governor Doug Ducey's guidelines for reopening amid the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the City of Douglas developed a phased plan to open in-person City operations and services. Most City services have continued without interruption during this extended facility closure, including public safety, utilities, water, streets, development services, housing, library and customer service has been delivered online and on the phone. The City's plan follows federal and state guidance and is divided into three phases. The targeted dates for Phases I, II and III are subject to change based on guidance from Federal, State and County officials.

The target dates for each phase are as follows:

- PHASE ONE: May 16, 2020 to June 14, 2020
- PHASE TWO: June 15, 2020 to July 11, 2020
- PHASE THREE: July 12, 2020 to August 29, 2020

During Phase I, which continues through June 14, City facilities will remain closed to the public whereas service delivery will continue online and telephonically. Further, public meetings will continue be held remotely. The City's Transit division, which had been operating limited service, has opened up all fixed routes with strict safety measures as of today, May 18, and will continue Saturday transit services starting May 23.

Phase Two, beginning on June 15, will allow further easing of restrictions with the opening of City Hall, library, municipal swimming pools and park amenities with various limitations, including strict sanitation, occupancy and social distancing protocols. Summer programming such as camps will be modified to comply with federal, state and county guidelines. Ramada rentals will also resume and special events permits being issued only if operating under moderate social distancing protocols. Some user amenities and activity areas will be strictly limited or remain closed.

Throughout all the phases, high standards of cleanliness, social distancing, personal hygiene and health and safety policies will be in place and enforced. As the City's plan rolls out, Douglas residents are encouraged to continue practicing good hygiene, physical distancing and following the recommendations provided by ADHS and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

For more details about the Governor's guidelines and private business guidance, click [here](#).