



CITY OF DOUGLASVILLE

COVID-19 RE-OPENING PLAN

We currently find ourselves in uncertain times here in the City of Douglasville. As our nation and the world has been hit with this pandemic, we here have been vigilant about keeping our citizens and employees safe.

To do this, we have complied with federal and state mandates for closures. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the city of Douglasville has had six major goals for continuing service delivery during the pandemic:

- Keep in Line with State and Federal Mandates
- Plan a Phased Reopening
- Keep all essential services open
- Keep some on site staff available
- Develop a plan for nonessential services. Create a “new norm” that can easily shift from more to less restrictive
- Keep staff and the public safe

Now that our state government has started reopening businesses and public spaces, we have created a strategic re-opening plan to keep our citizens and staff safe. We hope that this plan will bring some relief to our citizens as we attempt to get back to normal in our city operations. This plan includes three different stages and will assist in making our public reopening run smoothly. Please know that this plan was designed thinking of how we could keep you, or citizens, safe from harm while enjoying the amenities that our city has to offer.

Any questions or concerns regarding this plan can be directed to Jason Post, Community Relations Director at postj@douglasvillega.gov .

PHASE 1

Limited Opening of City Facilities

Our first phase began on May 1st and included the opening of a very limited number of city buildings and multiple safety measures.

Building Re-openings:

- City Hall Main Lobby
 - City Hall Finance Window
- Plaza Entrance to the Welcome Center
- Main Atrium of the Public Safety Complex
 - Access to the Courts Pay Window

Safety Measures:

- Deep Clean of City facilities prior to reopening
- Elevated Cleaning Measures implemented
- Physical dividers installed at all public interaction points
- Touch free hand sanitizer stations installed
- Signage placed in and around all city facilities noting social distancing requirements
- Floor markers in all facilities noting proper safe distancing



Phase 1 continued May 20th with the Municipal Court resuming sessions. Safety Measures for court sessions are as follows:

- Signage placed in and around the courtroom noting strict social distancing requirements
- Floor markers in all areas noting proper safe distancing
- Only defendants will be allowed in courtroom
- Strict time schedule established to reduce social interaction
- Temperature checks at security gates required for all defendants
- Face masks required for everyone in the Public Safety Building and Courtroom
- Elevated Cleaning Measures in place following every court day
- Additional measures outlined in the full Court Services Notice



PHASE 2

Park Facilities Limited Reopening

Phase 2 of the re-opening plan will commence on June 1st. Please note that open park areas and walking trails remained open to the public throughout the pandemic with the exception of Hunter Park which was utilized for a drive through testing site by Cobb/Douglas Public Health.

Building Re-Openings

- Ike Owings Community Center- with shortened hours
 - The community center and surrounding park areas will open to the public pending adjustments from Public Health who will still be utilizing the ball field areas for testing
- Alice Hawthorne Community Center- with shortened hours

Safety Measures in Place

- Deep Clean of City facilities prior to reopen
- Elevated cleaning measures implemented- inclusive of increased cleaning occurrences
- Physical dividers installed at all public interaction points
- Touch free hand sanitizer stations installed
- Signage placed in and around all city facilities noting social distancing requirements
- Floor markers in all facilities noting proper safe distancing



PHASE 3

Reopening of Public Gathering Spaces

Phase 3 will commence on July 1st, pursuant to Governor Kemp's reopening orders. The opening of group gathering spaces will be depending on the gradually lifting of group size restrictions and will require strict compliance with established social distancing guidelines.

Building Re-openings:

- The Douglasville Conference Center
- The Douglasville Welcome Center
- Rental Rooms and facilities at the City's Parks and Public Safety Complex

Safety Measures in Place

- All group events will adhere to established as group limitations are gradually lifted.
- Deep clean of city facilities prior to reopen
- Elevated cleaning measures implemented
- Touch free hand sanitizer stations installed
- Signage placed in and around all city facilities noting social distancing requirements
- Floor markers in all facilities noting proper safe distancing.



PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE TIME OF COVID

Maintaining transparency and meeting requirements during a public emergency is crucial to the governance of our city. The Douglasville City Council continued to meet throughout the pandemic adjusting format and locations as needed to protect the health and safety of city staff, elected officials, and the public.

Meeting Timeline:

- **April 2nd-**
 - Public meetings move to In-Person with social distancing compliance format
- **April 30th-**
 - Public meetings move to fully virtual meetings
- **May 28th-**
 - Public meetings resume In-Person with social distancing compliance format
- **June 13th-**
 - Public Meetings resume standard format pending additional action

Meeting Format Guidelines:

In-Person with social distancing compliance:

- Mayor and Council meet in-person with no more than 10 people in the room at one time
- Mayor and Councilmembers are appropriately spaced out within council chambers
- The meetings are streamed live to the City's YouTube channel and the public meeting portal on the City's website
- Staff and citizens can interact with the Council during the live meeting via a "Zoom" virtual meeting link

Virtual Meetings:

- Mayor and Council meet virtually via "Zoom"
- The meetings are streamed live to the City's YouTube channel and the public meeting portal on the City's website
- Staff and Citizens can interact with the Council during the live meeting via a "Zoom" virtual meeting link

MOVING FORWARD

Moving forward we are establishing plans to bring back in-person community activities, special events, and recreational programs when it is deemed safe and appropriate. With no certainty of what that timeline looks like, we are also making plans for moving forward under current social distancing guidelines.

Long Term Planning

- Postpone July 4th Fireworks to Labor Day
- Maintain a rolling calendar of city events in anticipation of lifted restrictions
- Maintain a constant communication with the community and staff about the ever-changing requirements and restrictions
- Research social distancing compliant options for programs and activities

Compliant Program Ideas

- Virtual Summer Camp Programs
- Focus on social distancing compliant recreational leagues
- Golf, Tennis, Disc Golf, etc.
- Drive- In Movie Events
- Virtual 5K Run
- Online gathering
- Virtual Town Hall Meetings
- Etc.

PATH TO RECOVERY

To ensure that we are best serving our community, we are also looking to recover costs incurred from COVID-19. This includes current grant applications to FEMA and the Department of Justice for reimbursements of costs.

FEMA Grant

Reimbursement of supplies and materials purchased to combat COVID-19. This includes hand sanitizer, masks, deep cleaning of city facilities, floor signs for social distancing, temperature kiosks, and other materials.

Department of Justice Grant

We are anticipating many future costs that will be associated with COVID-19. We are planning on doing monthly cleanings of our conference center and other public gathering spaces. We will also look to receive funds for additional cleaning supplies and materials.

We will continue to monitor grant opportunities as they become available to ensure that we are doing the most to protect our citizens and staff.

