

## **Community Center Director Report – June 9, 2020**

With Northampton County moving into the yellow phase of Governor Wolf's plan to reopen the state, the Community Center staff is preparing the facility for a safe reopening when we do transition into the green phase. The reopening of the center and activities will be done in a cautious and purposeful manner. We are establishing protocols and procedures in accordance with the CDC and PA Department of Health. We are also continuing to work closely with other municipalities locally and across the state to maintain communication and information on how everyone is implementing these new guidelines.

The staff is preparing a phased plan to begin reopening areas of the facility. The initial reopening phase will reflect mandatory and recommended protocols that are very different from how operations were when the facility closed in March. Most significant is the guideline requiring the facility to operate at 50% of regular capacity and by appointment/reservation where available.

Some of the considerations for modification of the operation include:

- Moving fitness equipment to other areas of the facility to allow for adequate spacing between machines.

- Limiting numbers of members in the weight room for proper social distancing.

- Lap swimming by appointment with one member to each lane.

- Restriction of the facility to members only – No daily pass admission.

- Sneeze guards implemented at the front desk with touchless check in.

- Increased sanitization/cleaning by staff.

The community center is also preparing the outdoor pool in the event it can be safely reopened for the remainder of the summer season. The pool cover was removed and we are beginning the cleaning/maintenance of the pool and deck area.

As always, I am readily available to answer any specific questions you may have regarding the facility, memberships or the programs/classes.

Community Center Director  
Jackie Bittel