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Message from Mayor Rick Cross

I remain committed to keeping you up to date on changes relating to COVID-19 that impact our community. On May 8, our state and community entered into Phase 1 of the state's re-opening plan. This included modifying the previous stay at home order, allowing more retail businesses to re-open with restrictions, continuing to limit gatherings to 10 people while ensuring appropriate physical-distancing, requiring restaurants to continue being limited to take-out and delivery only, and requiring personal services (e.g. salons and gyms) to remain closed.

During the past two weeks, a great deal of work has been done to monitor our community's readiness to continue safely easing restrictions. By and large, our residents and businesses have done what is necessary to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 across our community. While you have been doing your part in abiding by the Phase 1 guidelines, our healthcare workers, first responders, and others in essential roles have continued in their commitment to keep us safe and well.

On Wednesday of this week, Governor Cooper announced that, effective at 5:00 pm today (Friday 5/22), we will move into Phase 2 of our state's reopening plan. Click on the link <u>Staying Ahead of the</u> <u>Curve</u> for a comparison of changes between Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Here are some highlights for what the Phase 2 changes will mean for our community:

• The stay at home order is lifted, moving into a safer at home recommendation, especially for

people at high risk for serious illness.

- Restaurants are able to open for dine-in service with specific requirements for capacity, distancing, and cleaning. Many restaurants in the community are also planning to continue their take-out service. You should contact restaurants directly for specifics on hours, reservations recommendations, and other details.
- Personal care businesses, including salons and barbers, are able to open with capacity, distancing, and cleaning requirements.
- Pools are able to open with capacity, distancing, and cleaning requirements.
- Retail businesses that were allowed to open in Phase 1, with capacity, distancing, and cleaning requirements, will continue at that level.
- Childcare facilities, day camps, and overnight camps are able to open with enhanced cleaning and screening requirements.
- Gyms, indoor fitness facilities, bars, night clubs, public playgrounds, and indoor entertainment venues (e.g. movie theaters, and bowling alleys) will remain closed in Phase 2.
- People are allowed to gather together for social purposes, so long as they do not exceed the mass gathering limit of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors.
- Visitation at long-term care facilities remains restricted, except for certain compassionate care situations.
- Face coverings continue to be strongly recommended per <u>CDC guidelines</u>.

If you would like more detailed information about the opening requirements, click on <u>Phase 2 Easing of</u> <u>Restrictions</u>.

North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services (NCDHHS) continues to encourage adherence to the <u>3</u> <u>"W"s</u>:

- <u>Wear a face covering if you will be with other people.</u>
- <u>W</u>ait at least 6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.
- <u>Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.</u>

Currently, Phase 2 is currently scheduled to remain in

effect until Friday, June 26, 2020, at 5:00 pm. During Phase 2, as in Phase 1, there will be on-going assessment of conditions, and a determination will be made when we will be prepared to take additional steps to ease restrictions.

We will continue to work with our county and state partners to ensure a safe and timely recovery for our community.

As we enter Phase 2, and especially as we look toward the Memorial Day holiday and the beginning of summer, let's continue to look out for each other, buy local, and stay aware and informed.

For those of you who have reached out to me recently, THANK YOU. I appreciate it. I will be continuing to reach out across our town, and I want to hear from you. You can reach me at rcross@townofbr.com or 336-391-1992.

Finally, as we approach Memoria I Day, I am inspired and humbled in my gratitude to those for whom this day is intended.

We are in this together, and toge ther we will emerge stronger.

Rick Cross

No Farmers Market Today

Due to the recent heavy rains and the weather forecast for this afternoon, the Farmers Market will not be open today. They hope to return next Friday at 3:30 pm.





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