

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The City of Austin facilities will begin to re-open to serve the public and will do so in phases, beginning Monday, June 1 with different hours of operation by location, based on the following schedule:

City Hall – City Hall will be open starting Monday, June 1, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM each day, Monday through Friday. This would include the offices of park & recreation, administration, engineering, building and planning and zoning. Anybody with questions can contact the department – Administration at 437-9940, Engineering/Building/Planning & Zoning at 437-9950 and Park & Recreation at 433-1881.

Library – the library will continue with their curbside pickup Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and on Saturday's from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. They will begin scheduling public computer access in one-hour increments for patrons 16 and over by appointment only starting June 1. Appointments will initially be scheduled twice a day at 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM, this will be evaluated on an on-going basis and may be expanded as necessary. Computer usage will be limited to eight computers per session. The library does also have internet hotspots available for checkout. Individuals should call the library at 433-2391 with questions and to schedule curbside and computer access.

Jay C. Hormel Nature Center – the Nature Center building will be open to the public on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. At this time, the exhibit space will remain closed. The Nature Center trails remain open each day until 10:00 PM. Anybody with questions can call the Nature Center at 437-7519.

For health and safety purposes, the City of Austin ask has implemented several protocols to help reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 including:

- Encouraging the use of facial coverings at all locations;
- Requiring use of hand sanitizer upon entering city buildings (provided);
- Traffic flow will be managed to ensure social distancing standards are met

Although City services are beginning to re-open, the public is still strongly encouraged to access service needs over the phone or on-line, if possible.

Please stay home if you are feeling ill or have any of the following symptoms: fever, chills, a new cough, shortness of breath, a new sore throat, new muscle aches, new headache or new loss of smell or taste.