



## Parks & Recreation Department

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From: John Sherman, Director

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Re: HPR COVID-19 Operations Update

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Over the course of the pandemic, we have received numerous inquiries about using the Community Center, if we are open to the general public, and what in person programs we are offering. At the onset of the pandemic in March of 2020 the RWB Community Center closed to in person contacts; along with all other Town buildings, in accordance with the Governor's "Safer at Home" orders and we entered Phase 1 of our reopening timeline.

With the Governor rescinding the statewide "Safer at Home" orders, increase in vaccination availability, and newest CDC COVID-19 guidelines released, we entered into Phase 4 of our [Reopening Timeline](#) on June 21, 2021.

As new federal, state, and local guidelines have been issued over the last 20 months this reopening plan has allowed us to be flexible and responsive in gradually opening programs back up in a safe and responsible manner.

On October 25, 2021 we will continue with our gradual return to "normalcy". Phase 4 will be expanded as we start to allow room rentals at the RWB Community Center. We will continue with expanding the number of programs we will be offering with more in person opportunities with a few modifications and precautions still in place:

1. The building will not be open to the general public but will be open during specific programs for pre-registered participants only and at time of rentals.
2. We will be increasing both the number of in person programs available as well as the number of participants allowed in each space.
3. Programs are open to all and HPR does not ask participants their vaccination status.
4. We will require participants to wear masks while participating in indoor programs.
5. Masks will not be required for outdoor programs.
6. We will be staggering the use of the building so that groups will have time to enter and leave the building without interacting with other program participants.
7. We will limit the number of groups in each section of the building to avoid cross use of bathrooms and other public areas between groups.
8. Use of the RWB Community Center outside of normal business hours will be reduced.
9. Rentals of the RWB Community Center for events, activities, and birthday parties will be open but at reduced availability.

We will continually evaluate how our various safety measures have worked, survey current and potential participants, and check in with the Town Health Officer on the current status of COVID-19 in the Upper Valley. As we continuously monitor COVID-19 trends and vaccine efficacy we are hopeful that in 2022 we can have a full return to normalcy.

***Be kind, Be patient, Be understanding.***

This is all new territory, and it is quite the undertaking becoming familiar with and implementing all the current regulations in this ever-shifting landscape.

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