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## TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

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### Resident Survey FAQ

**Q:** How long will take to recover?

**A:** Ferguson Township is currently in the “Green” phase. You can find the Governor’s full plan for reopening Pennsylvania [here](#).

**Q:** When will testing be available and is Centre County doing contact tracing?

**A:** Ferguson Township is not involved in decisions involving COVID-19 testing availability. The testing site located in Ferguson Township is not managed by the Township. Mount Nittany Health is following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for screening patients. If a patient matches the criteria, Mount Nittany Health works with the Department of Health and commercial labs to perform and confirm COVID-19 tests and results. Visit [Mount Nittany Hospital's dedicated webpage](#) for more COVID-19 information. Geisinger has a new contact tracing program for COVID-19. Please visit [their website](#) for more information.

**Q:** Would it be possible to release more detailed information on confirmed cases?

**A:** For more detailed information on COVID-19 cases in Pennsylvania, Visit the PA Department of Health’s dedicated webpage [here](#).

**Q:** If business are struggling to find a way to open under social distancing guidelines, is the township helping them come up with a COVID-19 plan or is there a generalized COVID-19 plan for businesses.

**A:** Governor Wolf has released guidelines for how businesses should operate in their respective phase. Those guidelines are found [here](#).

**Q:** How soon can most summer public events be held and remaining businesses be open to function as normal?

**A:** Now that Ferguson Township is in the “Green” Phase, Restaurants and bars may open at 60% occupancy. All other businesses may operate at 75% Occupancy. Large Gatherings over 250 people are prohibited. Centre Region Parks & Recreation will begin accepting reservations for sports fields and courts starting June 22, 2020. Until that time, pavilions remain available for drop-in use. Until that time, no organized special events, fundraisers, or birthday/anniversary parties will be allowed in the pavilions. When reservations begin, pavilion users will be required to follow a COVID-19 safety policy. You can find the Governor’s full plan for reopening Pennsylvania [here](#).

**Q:** How can the Township bridge the divide between people who are taking the coronavirus less seriously than others without showing bias towards one group of people?

**A:** The Township provides regular updates and credible resources on the Township website, social media sites and in the weekly COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Updates sent to subscribed residents to help inform and educate on safety measures and expectations. The Police Department also provides information and education to help residents stay informed as needed.

**Q:** Are all retail stores enforcing wearing mask?

**A:** All retail stores are enforcing masks differently. Residents are advised to at least carry a mask on their person in case for a store strictly enforcing patrons to wear masks.

**Q:** Can people using the parks be required to wear masks? Runners especially exhale deeply while passing by at less than 6-foot separation from others.

**A:** Centre Region Parks & Recreation Agency manages the safety precautions for Ferguson Township's parks. Visit to find what steps they are taking to prevent the spread of COVID-19 [here](#).

**Q:** Do you expect many PSU students who rent through the summer to return and if so, are any steps being taken to monitor large gatherings?

**A:** Ferguson Township participated as part of the Centre Region Council of Governments to establish off campus move out guidelines designed to keep students and community members as safe as possible and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. You can find those guidelines [here](#).

**Q:** How do we ensure safety of residents in state college when students come back from across not only the state but other states where safety precautions have not been handled the same way?

**A:** Penn State University will announce their decision on resuming classes in the fall on June 15.

**Q:** For something like this in the future, can there be a leaf drop off somewhere?

**A:** The State College Borough Compost Facility is open to the public and municipalities Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**Q:** Will Ferguson Township lead the way in bipartisan efforts to support the governor in his COVID-19 guidance?

**A:** Ferguson Township has and will continue to follow the guidelines from Governor Wolf's Office.