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Press Release

Continued Re-Openings in Macon County – Robert C. Carpenter Building Opening Under Limited Capacity

Macon County's Robert C. Carpenter Community Building will begin to open under limited capacity during Governor Cooper's 2.5 re-opening phase. Macon County has determined that to keep community spread minimal, the main building will remain closed, but the gymnasium will open on a scheduled basis for recreational sports programs. Cleaning and sanitizing will occur before and after scheduled activities of commonly used entrance and exit doors and other high-touch surfaces like seating, equipment, and restrooms. Showers and water fountains will remain closed.

The multi-use room will be open for one stop voting, and will follow all proper social distancing and cleaning guidelines. For more information about one-stop voting, please contact the Macon County Board of Elections here: <http://maconnc.org/board-of-elections.html>

Outside facilities including ball fields, parks, and outdoor spaces are open to the community so long as they are following social distancing guidelines including wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing, and frequent handwashing and sanitizing.

The entire state of North Carolina is under a "Safer at Home" executive order, currently under phase two-point-five with masks required to be worn when social distancing cannot be maintained. Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19; however, anyone of any age can become infected with this illness. Therefore, we ask that community members **strictly follow** the governor's orders and continue to practice **social distancing**, as well as safe hygiene measures such as hand washing and frequently cleaning touched objects and surfaces. The public can monitor the different phases of re-opening and learn more about the restrictions at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/guidance>.

It is important to make sure the information you are getting about COVID-19 is coming directly from reliable sources. For more information, please visit the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus and NCDHHS' website at www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus, which also includes future positive COVID-19 test results in North Carolina.

MCPH regularly updates our Facebook page with accurate and current information regarding COVID-19; we encourage the public to check our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/MaconPublicHealth for up-to-date information.

Symptoms for COVID-19 are fever, cough, other lower respiratory illness (shortness of breath). If you believe that you may have COVID-19, please call the Health Department at 828-349-2517. The call center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am – 4:00pm, closing daily for lunch from 12:00pm – 1:00pm, until further notice.

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