

## We've got it covered!

### Share your selfie with us!

Post your photo to social media with the hashtag #IndependenceHasItCovered to help encourage the community to wear face coverings while doing essential activities.

Learn more about cloth face coverings, how to make them, and care for them at [indep.us/coronavirus](http://indep.us/coronavirus)

#IndependenceHasItCovered



## City enters Phase 1 of the facilities and services reopening plan June 1

These City Facilities will be open beginning June 1 with modified hours - City Hall, the Independence Police Headquarters, and the Independence Utilities Center.

Guests and staff will be required to participate in a temperature check and basic health screening prior to entering. Those found to have a fever or other symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to complete their business online or via phone calls or digital meetings. City facilities will be open three days a week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You can find a full overview of the Phases as well as anticipated timelines associated with them [here](#). It is important to keep in mind that the timelines and guidelines may change as conditions warrant.

For the latest updates on changes to services, closings and cancellations in the City of Independence related to COVID-19, please visit [indep.us/coronavirus](http://indep.us/coronavirus). All citizens are also encouraged to follow the City on Facebook at [facebook.com/CityofIndependence](https://facebook.com/CityofIndependence), Twitter [@CityofIndepMo](https://twitter.com/CityofIndepMo), and [Nextdoor](#) for updates on this changing situation. Citizens are encouraged to share questions that we've not already addressed at [covid19@indepmo.org](mailto:covid19@indepmo.org) or via the call center at (816) 325-7033.

## Get

### outside

During Phase 1 of the City's reopening plan several Parks | Recreation | Tourism amenities are reopening to citizens on June 1. Here are some of the key items you might be interested in:

Picnic shelters and pavilions are available to rent. Call (816) 325-7370 for details.

Tennis/Pickleball Courts – Open for singles play.

Restrooms are being cleaned daily. Please use social distancing of 6 feet and only one person in a restroom at a time.

Skate Park will reopen but please use social distancing. Cloth face coverings and sanitizer encouraged.

Ice rink will reopen for skills and drills with 6 feet spacing on ice. No public skating or learn to skate programs at this time.

## Washing your car at home



For many, car washing is a weekend ritual. But, by washing all that grime off your vehicle, you may be harming our local waterways. Water entering storm drains, unlike water that enters sanitary sewers, does not undergo treatment before it is discharged into our waterways. When cars are washed on streets and driveways, the dirty water eventually winds up in rivers, streams, creeks, and lakes. If you choose to wash your car at home, these are some things that you can do to minimize the impact wash water has on the environment:

- Minimize water usage by using a spray gun with flow restriction to minimize water volume and runoff.
- Wash on an area that absorbs water, such as gravel, or grass. This can filter water before it enters groundwater, storm drains, or creeks. Avoid washing cars on concrete or asphalt pavement unless it drains into a vegetated area.
- Only let wash water soak into the ground if you are using biodegradable, phosphate-free cleaners.
- When planning a car wash fundraiser, try developing a partnership with a commercial car wash facility, or use a safe location.
- Empty wash buckets into sinks or toilets.

For more information, **contact Municipal Services at 325-7711.**

## Aging Mastery Program

The Palmer Center will be offering a virtual Aging Mastery Program June 25 – September 3 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM. June 25 will be a special session for people to become familiar with the on-line format, and then the 10-week program will begin on July 2. Through grant funding, we are able to offer the class to adults 60 and over at no charge. (Materials normally cost \$60 per person). Registration is required by June 19.

## Important Numbers

Crime Stoppers Tips 474-8477  
 Drop-Off Depot/Trash 325-7600  
 Municipal Court 325-7230  
 Police NonEmergency 325-7300  
 Fire NonEmergency 325-7123  
 Report Power Outage 325-7550  
 Utilities Customer Service 325-7930  
 Weeds, Trash 325-7193



## Farmers' Market Reopens

The Farmers' Market at the Independence Uptown Market will be offered in a drive-thru format throughout the month of June. Learn more in [this video](#) about what to expect. Be sure to

follow the Market on Facebook at [facebook.com/IndependenceUptownMarket](https://facebook.com/IndependenceUptownMarket) for the latest on events and programs as the City works to reopen facilities and services over the next few months.



## Drop-off Depot Returns in July

The Drop-Off Depot will return in July with two special dates and times.

Citizens of Independence can bring qualifying items to the Drop-Off Depot

at 875 Vista Ave. on Thursday, July 9, and Thursday, July 23. Citizens who are considered part of the vulnerable population for COVID-19, including seniors, are invited between 9 AM and noon both of these days. It is open to the general public from noon until 7 PM. Regular rates and fees will apply. Visit [indep.us/dropoffdepot](http://indep.us/dropoffdepot) for a full list of prices and items that will be accepted.



Questions? Contact [mlewis@indepmo.org](mailto:mlewis@indepmo.org).

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