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COVID-19 Information

Wear a Mask: The city continues to require everyone to wear a mask when in a city facility and asks everyone to follow CDC guidelines for mask wearing and social distancing. More city COVID-19 news: [Phoenix.gov/Newsroom](https://phoenix.gov/Newsroom).



Appointments Required:

To enter most city buildings, including City Hall, you must make an appointment ahead of time. Call **602-262-3111** or email



ContactUs@Phoenix.gov to connect with the city.

COVID-19 Vaccine: Residents interested in receiving the vaccine should visit the County or State health web pages: [Maricopa.gov/Coronavirus](https://maricopa.gov/Coronavirus) or [AZDHS.gov/Coronavirus](https://azdhs.gov/Coronavirus).

#MaskUpPHX: The city uses social media to regularly send out updates related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Follow [@CityofPhoenixAZ](https://twitter.com/CityofPhoenixAZ) on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor.



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12 PHX Pools, Splash Pads to Open for Summer

The Parks and Recreation Department will operate the following 12 city pools this summer: *Cortez, Deer Valley, El Prado, Encanto, Falcon, Maryvale, Paradise Valley, Pecos, Perry, Starlight, Sunnyslope and University*.

Those pools will be open for the city's normal seasonal schedule – six days a week from May 29 - Aug. 1 (closed Fridays), and on Saturdays and Sundays only from Aug. 7 - Sep. 6. All city splash pads will also be open and follow the normal seasonal schedule this year: May 29 - Oct. 1.

Pools will operate at a reduced capacity, have modified open swim and swimming lesson formats and staff will follow an enhanced cleaning protocol. Youth age 17 and younger will receive free admission for open swim at all pools through the city's Kool Kids program. **Swim and dive teams, the water basketball league, and other aquatics activities and special events will not be offered this summer.**

Information will be regularly updated at [Phoenix.gov/Parks/Pools](https://phoenix.gov/Parks/Pools).



City Park Amenities, Fields Reopen

A vote by the Phoenix City Council on March 16 approved the reopening of all city park amenities and sports complexes. They also approved all athletic field reservations and local tournaments (Arizona teams only) at facilities managed by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Participants, officials and spectators are required to follow various COVID-19 safety procedures: *Do not use public recreational amenities if you are exhibiting symptoms of illness, wear a mask or face covering, bring your own wipes and hand sanitizer and keep a safe distance of six feet or more from others.*

More details about the city's outdoor recreational options and free virtual recreation and fitness programs is available at [Phoenix.gov/Parks](https://phoenix.gov/Parks).



COVID Testing: Choose Your Options

Testing is important in our efforts to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic because it helps prevent further spread. The city of Phoenix now offers four different COVID-19 testing services at no out-of-pocket cost to everyone in the community:

- **Mobile Testing Van #1** – offers antigen tests and antibody tests, with results while you wait. Van #1 is in operation five days a week at different locations.
- **Mobile Testing Van #2** – offers antigen tests with rapid results and PCR tests with result in 24 to 48 hours. Van #2 is in operation three days a week at different locations.
- **Maryvale Park Stationary Site** – offers PCR tests with results in 24 hours. It is open three days a week at Maryvale Park, 4420 N. 51st Ave.
- **Drive-thru/Walk-up Sites** – offers PCR tests with results in 24 to 48 hours. It is open on weekends at various locations.

Anyone, with or without medical insurance, is welcome to receive the city-sponsored COVID-19 testing services. Dates, times and locations: [Phoenix.gov/COVIDtesting](https://phoenix.gov/COVIDtesting).



Help PHX Shape Next Year's Budget

The City Manager's Trial Budget was presented to the Phoenix City Council March 16. From April 2-20, provide your input at one of 14 virtual budget hearings, including two in Spanish. Or try the interactive **FundPHX** tool and show us what's important to you.

For **FundPHX**, hearing dates and to register to speak, visit [Phoenix.gov/Budget](https://phoenix.gov/Budget). To share your ideas, call (602) 262-4800 or email budget.research@phoenix.gov. Budget hearings will air on PHXTV and stream on [YouTube.com/CityofPhoenixAZ](https://www.youtube.com/CityofPhoenixAZ).





Safety Initiatives Earn Award

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Phoenix Deer Valley and Phoenix Goodyear airports have employed a number of initiatives to ensure a safe, welcoming and healthy environment for those traveling through the airports. This includes a robust cleaning program, the installation of Plexiglass and UV-C LED sanitizing lights on escalator handrails and more.

As a result of these continuous efforts, the city of Phoenix Aviation Department was recently recognized in the GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation Program. All three airports received the accreditation. Phoenix Deer Valley and Phoenix Goodyear airports are the first general aviation airports in the U.S. to receive this accreditation. The Global Biorisk Advisory Council's GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation program is an outbreak prevention, response, and recovery accreditation for facilities. It represents a high level of achievement within the cleaning industry.

To learn more, visit skyharbor.com.

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Employees Return to the Workplace

On March 29, city of Phoenix employees who had been teleworking since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic began the first of several phases to return many employees back to the workplace.

However, appointments to visit city facilities are still required. If you want an in-person meeting with a city employee, start by calling 602-262-3111. **Reminder:** many city services can be accessed online. Start at **Phoenix.gov**.



Help for Small Business Owners!



The city of Phoenix, along with Valley Metro, recently announced the Small Business Financial Assistance Program. This one-year pilot program provides direct financial assistance to locally-owned small businesses adjacent to the Northwest Extension Phase II and South Central Extension/Downtown Hub projects. Eligible businesses can receive up to \$9,000, depending on demonstrated need.

To learn more, visit valleymetro.org/Projects.

Summer Youth Job Opportunities: \$12.15/Hr.

Phoenix youth can apply for summer jobs paying \$12.15/hour through Youth RISE, an annual summer program returning for 2021. It's open to young men and women, 16-24-years-old who live in Phoenix and have the right to work in the U.S. This 4-week, 20 hours-per-week program provides training and places youth with Phoenix businesses during June and July. For information email PWCYouthPrograms@Phoenix.gov



Start a Garden (Yes, Even in AZ)



Ever wanted to have your own garden but don't know where to begin? Phoenix Public Library's Seed Library offers a variety of fruit, vegetable and perennial seeds available for curbside checkout to Phoenix Public Library customers. Gardeners of every level are invited to participate.

Ask your favorite Phoenix Public Library location if seeds are available next time you are at Curbside Service.

Talk to Us About Stormwater

Phoenix Water Services invites you to participate in the annual Stormwater Awareness Survey. This short survey includes questions about the impacts of stormwater pollution and will help guide the team in future outreach efforts to educate and inform the public about stormwater.

Visit **Phoenix.gov/stormwater** to complete the survey.



(Solar) Power to the People



Interested in going solar but don't know where to start? Join the 2021 Phoenix Solar Co-op! Learn how solar works and how to save on solar with your neighbors in this free group process.

Sign up at **SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/PHX**.