

Dear Haworth Neighbor:

This has certainly been an eventful week or so – our playgrounds and picnic areas are now open (see below); our Senior Van will be back in service as of Monday (see below); baseball games are taking place at Memorial Field (see below) – sounds as if things are finally getting back to normal.

Or are they?

We might look at our current situation as the launching of the NEW NORMAL – things may never be the same as they were, but they will be good if we apply the lessons of the last five months that have gotten us where we are today. Haworth has been a shining example of commitment, discipline, and community spirit – we stay home as much as possible, we maintain social distance, we wash our hands and we disinfect, we wear our masks – and our patience and diligence has been rewarded – we are able to open our facilities and we have harnessed the spread of the virus with only two new confirmed cases in the last two months. We have all paid a price – we have had to limit our freedoms – but we have created together a healthy, vital community.

Our challenge now is to sustain the efforts that have brought us here – to avoid complacency or the feeling that we can resume doing things the way we always used to. We have seen in much of the country that going back to the old ways, not persisting in Best Practices, has led to a resurgence of the pandemic – and a reclosing of parks and beaches, of restaurants and other facilities. This is why we need to commit to the NEW NORMAL – to continue Best Practices – to continue to exercise discipline - to continue to stay home, to wash, to distance, to mask – it's a lot to ask but the prize of good health for our children, ourselves, and our community is worth the sacrifice.

So continue to social distance on your walks and at the playgrounds and ball fields - to wear your mask when in close proximity. If we all commit to this, our playgrounds and picnic areas will stay open, our parks and fields will buzz with activity, and we will remain a shining example of community spirit. Haworth is depending on you.

### **UPDATE ON THE SENIOR VAN:**

The Senior Van service will resume on Monday, July 27. The van has been retrofitted with a shield for the driver and a plastic curtain separating the driver and the passengers. We have also implemented mandatory safety procedures for the drivers and passengers. These procedures are in keeping with CDC, State and NJ Transit guidelines.

Click [here](#) for guidelines and registration forms.

### **UPDATE ON PLAYGROUNDS, BALL FIELDS AND PICNIC AREAS:**

The playgrounds, ball fields and picnic areas are now open. Please be sure to observe the following:

1. Practice social distancing - keep 6 feet apart.

2. Wear face masks/coverings unless age or health concerns indicate otherwise.
3. Wash and/or sanitize hands before and after visiting.
4. Refrain from group activities.
5. Stay home if you are sick.
6. Cover coughs and sneezes.

While our playgrounds, ball fields and picnic areas are open for use please observe these guidelines. We can only keep these spaces open and accessible if we are able to keep our infection rates low.

Note: Basketball courts remain closed.

### **UPDATE ON SWIM CLUB:**

The Early Bird rate for the swim club expires Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>! Click [here](#) for an application.

### **UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH:**

The annual Flu Clinic will be held on Saturday, October 3 at the Haworth Ambulance Headquarters. Please mark your calendars. More information will follow next month.

### **UPDATE ON TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS:**

The State has issued an incoming travel advisory that all individuals entering New Jersey from states with a significant spread of COVID-19 should quarantine for 14-days after leaving that state.

Travelers and those residents who are returning from impacted states should self-quarantine at their home, or a hotel or other temporary lodging. Individuals should leave the place of self-quarantine only to seek medical care/treatment or to obtain food and other essential items.

As of Tuesday, July 21, there are currently 31 states that meet the criteria stated above:

- Alabama (*added 6/24/20*)
- Alaska (*added 7/21/20*)
- Arkansas (*added 6/24/20*)
- Arizona (*added 6/24/20*)
- California (*added 6/30/20*)
- Delaware (*re-added 7/21/20*)
- Florida (*added 6/24/20*)
- Georgia (*added 6/30/20*)
- Iowa (*added 6/30/20*)
- Idaho (*added 6/30/20*)
- Indiana (*added 7/21/20*)
- Kansas (*added 7/7/20*)
- Louisiana (*added 6/30/20*)
- Maryland (*added 7/21/20*)
- Mississippi (*added 6/30/20*)
- Missouri (*added 7/21/20*)
- Montana (*added 7/21/20*)

- Nebraska (*added 7/21/20*)
- Nevada (*added 6/30/20*)
- New Mexico (*added 7/14/20*)
- North Carolina (*added 6/24/20*)
- North Dakota (*added 7/21/20*)
- Ohio (*added 7/14/20*)
- Oklahoma (*added 7/7/20*)
- South Carolina (*added 6/24/20*)
- Tennessee (*added 6/30/20*)
- Texas (*added 6/24/20*)
- Utah (*added 6/24/20*)
- Virginia (*added 7/21/20*)
- Washington (*added 7/21/20*)
- Wisconsin (*added 7/14/20*)

*Note: Minnesota was removed from the list on 7/21/20.*

Please click [here](#) for a list of states that meet the criteria. The list is updated on Mondays.