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Fruita Community Center Scheduled to Reopen on May 11, 2020

Fruita, Colorado – Last week, the Colorado Department of Public and Environment (“CDPHE”) approved Mesa County’s Safer at Home Reopening Plan. This approval granted variances from the state of Colorado’s Safer at Home Executive Order and allows some businesses and sectors in Mesa County to reopen prior to the regulations set forth for the state. Under these approved variances, gyms, health clubs, and other similar fitness facilities can open for limited use.

After working closely with Mesa County Public Health, the Fruita Community Center (“FCC”) is scheduled to reopen on May 11, 2020 in a very limited capacity. The FCC has been closed since March 15, 2020. Although the FCC will be reopening, there are significant operational changes and policies being implemented to limit the potential spread of COVID-19. Specifically, no more than 30% of customers be allowed in the building at a time, patrons will be required to register for a workout time before entering the facility, the exercise equipment has been spaced out to meet social distancing requirements, and all equipment will be sanitized after individual use. In addition to these, the FCC has implemented one-way entry and exit walkways, will only allow Mesa County residents to use the facility, and employees and guests will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19. Guests will also be required to sign up for a workout slot via Sign Up Genius to ensure that participation does not meet or exceed the 30% requirement. Finally, per the Mesa County Public Health Order, all guests will be required to a face mask or covering at all times while using the facility.

During the first phase of the reopening, the following parts of the Community Center will remain closed: all pools, basketball courts, locker rooms, leisure areas, the Senior Center, the childcare center, and the front play area. The FCC will also be moving to reduced hours of Monday – Friday 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All recreational programming remains postponed indefinitely.

The aforementioned policies are not an exhaustive list of changes and are subject to change at any time. For more information and the additional requirements of use and operational

changes, please visit fruta.org. Full instructions can also be found at our website. Additionally, this is subject to change based upon Public Health Orders.

During the Safer at Home Executive Order, CDPHE recommends the following to limit the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay at home unless necessary
- Wear a face covering when out in public
- Avoid unnecessary travel
- Limit gatherings to no more than 10 people
- Not go to work if you are sick
- Maintain social distancing guidelines

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