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Fruita Community Center to Expand Operations, Reopen Pools

Fruita, Colorado – This week, the City of Fruita submitted an application to Mesa County Public Health to expand operations at the Fruita Community Center (“FCC”). With this application, the FCC will be able to reopen both the indoor and outdoor pool, allow greater access to the facility due to additional capacity, and hold certain fitness classes and recreation programs.

Although the FCC is expanding services, there are still several guidelines and policies in place to protect guests and staff. Specifically, guests are no longer required to wear masks while exercising at their workout station, due to the change in the Mesa County Public Health Order. Guests must wear a mask or cloth face covering when entering and walking around the facility. Guests are also still encouraged to reserve a time slot to use specific areas/equipment at the FCC, such as the pool or weight room area, as only a limited number of slots will be allowed to ensure that 50 percent capacity is not exceeded. Additionally, guests will continue to be screened at the front-desk for any symptoms of COVID-19 and will be required to provide contact information in the event that contact tracing needs to be conducted.

These changes, along with several others, are identified in the second phase of the FCC Reopening Plan. Although subject to change, this phase will begin on June 1, 2020. The indoor pool will open for specific fitness activities only on this date (June 1, 2020), and it is expected that both the indoor and the outdoor pool will open on June 13, 2020, for leisure swim within capacity constraints. Fitness classes and recreation programs will also begin in early June. Billing for memberships will also resume in June. All of these changes, and specific information can be found at <https://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/fccreopen>

Further aspects of this phase include that the Senior Center, locker rooms/showers, common areas, and the childcare program will all remain unavailable. It is also recommended that vulnerable populations and non-residents of Mesa County refrain from using the facility.

During the Safer at Home Executive Order, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment 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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