



## Guidance & Resources

### A 3-Part Planning Framework Toward Opening & Recovery

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#### 1. Reaffirm the Present

PRPS empowers recreation and park professionals and advocates to enhance life-enriching services for all Pennsylvanians. Our work improves environmental, economic, and social health and wellness for all. PRPS is here for you.

Likewise, in this first frame, reaffirm your mission to those you serve:

- *Affirm your purpose to your constituents with a renewed call to action.*
- *Document your value to your community, share your stories. Rise With PRPS*
- *Communicate often, and transparently, to stakeholders and decision-makers.*

If your focus is no longer as relevant as it should be, reassess it.

#### 2. Reassess the Past

The post-pandemic world is bringing wide-ranging changes to societal behaviors, perceptions, and expectations. Now, more than ever, seek data to help determine necessary changes to what you have been doing in your policies, standards, and procedures. Reassess your risk and financial outlook. Because this is new to everyone, no one has all the answers. Consult industry experts and others in similar roles. Seek input from stakeholders at all levels, including formerly underrepresented groups.

- *Enlist collaborators to help provide data on user preferences and needs.*
- *Incorporate governmental directives and public health recommendations.*
- *Set benchmarks for actions, based on the best data and information available at that time.*

#### 3. Reimagine the Future

Unprecedented challenges bring unprecedented opportunities. Now is your time to strengthen your role as a leader in life and community enrichment; to provide solutions for the public good through your recovery plan and beyond; and for your agency to emerge stronger and more widely recognized for its indispensable value—individually, socially, environmentally and economically.

- *Focus more on new opportunities to meet current needs, than on salvaging past programs.*
- *Seek new partners and collaborators to fill unmet and unfunded needs.*
- *Solve people problems and community issues to add value to them and your organization.*

**See the next page for helpful planning and sharing links.**

## State and Federal Governmental Authorities

[Governor Wolf's Process to Open Pennsylvania](#)

[Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidance](#)

[Opening Up America Again Guidelines](#)

## Recreation and Park Industry Public Health Guidance

[CDC Guidance for Administrators in Park and Recreation Facilities](#)

[CDC Guidance for Visitors and Users of Parks and Recreation Facilities](#)

[CDC Guidance for Child Care and Day Camps](#)

## PRPS Pandemic Resource Center

[Industry Leadership](#)

[Governmental Directives](#)

[Management Guidance](#)

[By-Subject Resources](#)

[Graphics](#)

[Virtual Education](#)

[Planning and Recovery Resources](#)

## PRPS Advocacy Statements

[A Case for Opening Parks Early for Recovery](#)

[Our Parks, Greenspaces Matter More Than Ever](#)

## New Post-Pandemic Planning Considerations

Coordinate the development and implementation of your Re-opening and Recovery Plan with guidance from governmental and public health authorities. Consider how these new directives and public expectations and perceptions will drive changes to administrative policies, personnel management, and operational standards and procedures, including:

- Phased plans for opening programs, services, and facilities; including adjustments to daily

operating procedures, facility capacities, and schedules.

- Implications of new assessments of risk and financial impacts, including maintenance operations and capital development plans.
- Changes to child care management and children/youth programming operations.
- Safety protocols and training for staff. Acquisition of personal protective equipment, sanitizers, cleaning supplies, physical barriers, other protective resources.
- Safety and enforcement protocols for park and facility users. Public communications plan/campaign on safe usage of parks and amenities. Acquisition of new signage.
- Mitigation plans for limited infection exposure at parks and facilities; and widespread re-emergence of infections; including communication strategies.

## Share Your Re-Opening & Recovery Plans, New Practices

- Tell your community story. [Rise With PRPS](#)
- Interact with your peers: [What's Up P+R?!](#)
- Join PRPS [Virtual Roundtables, Webinars](#).
- [Share Re-opening and Recovery Plans](#)  
*Please share your information to this google doc. PRPS will use your input to help develop further planning templates to share with all.*

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- **Check back with PRPS for updated planning templates as they develop.**