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## **City of Charleston May 15 Coronavirus Update**

**Charleston, S.C.**—At a press conference this afternoon with local restaurant industry representatives, Mayor Tecklenburg announced the city's plan to allow temporary outdoor dining on private property and public sidewalks.

The [emergency ordinance](#), passed by City Council on Tuesday, May 12, allows local restaurant owners to apply for temporary use of additional areas, such as private property and public sidewalks, for outdoor dining. Restaurant owners can access an overview of the ordinance's requirements, terms and conditions [here](#) and can apply for this use [here](#).

Both the application and permit for temporary outdoor dining are offered free of charge.

Businesses with questions regarding this ordinance can contact the city [here](#).

Also at the press conference, Mayor Tecklenburg announced that, for the remainder of the year, parking in the park-and-ride HOP lot, located at 995 Morrison Drive, will be offered for free and that metered parking enforcement will cease after 6 p.m. citywide.

Beginning on Monday, May 18, the James Island Recreation Center and Herbert Hassel swimming pools will re-open to the public. The hours of operation will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The pools will be open for exercise and lap swimming only with no group classes or pool equipment being offered at this time. In accordance with DHEC recommendations, pools will be limited to 20 percent capacity and, as such, only one swimmer will be allowed per lane with a 45-minute time limit.

Temperature checks will be conducted with all patrons prior to their entering the pool area.

Locker rooms will be open for restroom use only and patrons are asked to arrive in their swim attire.

Reservations will be required for pool use and can be made on Monday, May 18 beginning at 7:00 a.m. by calling 843-708-4104 (James Island) or 843-724-7344 (Herbert Hassel).

Operating hours will be expanded in the coming weeks as additional staff are added.

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