

PDC COVID-19 Task Force
Public Space Reconfiguration
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Immediate Recommendations

DOH/Governor's Office

- Clearer messaging about
- Mitigation measures being tied to economic progress
- What yellow means – caution
- What aggressive mitigation means for individuals

For Main Street Organizations

- Make recommendations to local government
- Push DOH and public health messaging
- Yellow Means Caution – Dr. Dalal article:
- Collection of DOH memes, share in combination with clearer post wording:

For local government

- Café Ordinances
- Removing parking minimums
- Expedite zoning permitting process for changes to business operations
- Open Streets to promote Open Businesses and Social Distancing – full closure, parking lane closure, residential area closure or slow streets, activating alleys
- Claim on-street parking for bike lanes, walking, curbside pickup
- PARK(ing)

For PennDOT

- Loosened signage restrictions
- Permitting for parking lane closures and PARK(ing) plazas along state roads
- Eliminate Beg Buttons, put Ped Signals on Recall

Looking Ahead

- Best practices/visual vocabulary for social distancing cues
- Street furniture best practices
- Outdoor eating (add more spaces, associated with businesses or in parks? Who cleans? Who is liable?)
- West Chester Borough: closing of Gay Street (PA example)

Links on Urban Space during COVID-19:

- NACTO Streets for Pandemic Response and Recovery: <https://nacto.org/program/covid19/>

- Guidelines for park spaces from NRPA: <https://www.nrpa.org/blog/keeping-a-safe-social-distance-in-parks-and-on-trails-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>
- CDC recommendations for Park Administrators: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/park-administrators.html>
- CDC Routes to Destinations and Physical Activity Resources (pdf shared on CDC's COVID-19 resources page)
- Remembering to address racial and economic inequities: <https://www.curbed.com/2020/5/20/21263319/coronavirus-future-city-urban-covid-19>
- Countervailing impulse to avoid transit and provide more parking/solo car commuting: <https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2020/05/17/world/asia/17reuters-health-coronavirus-australia.html>
- Guide for Expanded Retail + Restaurant Space - Tampa, FL: <https://www.tampagov.net/sites/default/files/lift-up-local-guidebook.pdf>
- Streateries: <https://www.theurbanist.org/2020/05/18/the-year-of-car-free-streeteries/> and <https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SDOT/PublicSpaceManagement/ParkletsandStreeteriesFAQ.pdf>

Image banks:

- NACTO's transportation-related social distancing images: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/3/folders/1Scsu3zAwaPqcud5naQD-p4lKyZWEpKtJ>
- Social distancing circles in park (30 in 4 hours by 2 people): <https://www.archdaily.com/940244/domino-park-introduces-social-distancing-circles-to-adapt-to-the-covid-19-crisis>
- Restaurant distancing and health strategies in Asia: <https://www.insider.com/restaurants-opening-hong-kong-china-taiwan-south-korea-photos-2020-4>
- Restaurant greenhouses in Netherlands: <https://www.insider.com/amsterdam-restaurant-mini-greenhouses-cubicles-social-distance-2020-5>