



VIA CENTER REOPENING STATEMENT REOPENING MONDAY, MAY 3rd

Phased In Reopening Plan

Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS) released updated guidance allowing Senior Centers to open for indoor activities on April 19. In order to comply with CDC, ADSS and public health official guidelines - and protect the safety and health of our Seniors - we are using a phased-in approach to reopening.

Please understand that the Board of Directors and staff have been working every day since our mandated closure in March of 2020 to ensure the Via Center – *a private, non-profit and not fully funded by the City* - was able to reopen. This includes offsetting financial losses as a result of the closure of our revenue generating programs. The Via Center facility has had to be maintained and damages from our two hurricanes mitigated. This has included insurance, maintenance, utilities, etc. Please be patient, as the safety of our Seniors is our number one priority.

Beginning May 3, we have developed a system to make this transition as safe and smooth as possible. *Please note pre-registration days below.*

Phase I

- Beginning May 3rd, Phase I will be open to Via Center members only.
- During Phase I, all Center members must be vaccinated, with vaccination dates on file.
- We will be accepting applications for new members, who meet Phase I criteria.
- **Cleaning and disinfection protocols in place include:** HaloFogging, disinfection of HVAC/ductwork coils, plexiglass protective barriers, hand

sanitizing stations, CDC approved fitness equipment cleaner and air purifiers throughout facility.

- We have evaluated our facility space, and will ensure appropriate capacity limits to adhere to spacing guidelines.
- Masks are to be worn at all times in common areas of facility. The only exception is fitness-related classes/activities.
- All Center members must remain 6-feet apart regardless of class/activity.
- There will be a check-in protocol including symptom assessment, waiver and temperature check.
- Per ADSS, no congregate meals allowed at this point. The Via cafe' is not open and no meals will be provided.

Phase II

We anticipate Phase II to begin in July.

Pre-registration Days

Currently, we are not open for member drop ins. We have several pre-registration days scheduled if you would like to complete requirements before May 3rd.

Tuesday, April 27th 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28th 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 29th 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

You will need:

1. Proof of vaccination – please bring your vaccination card.
2. Membership card if you still have one. We will reissue new cards needed.
3. We will update your current membership. Memberships will be pro-rated.
4. You will not be required to re-apply for membership (getting a new doctors' waiver, etc.).

[Click Here for Updated Vaccine Options](#)

[Click Here for May Calendar of Classes and Activities](#)