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## **Media Statement**

### **City to Easton Pools to stay closed for summer**

*Playgrounds and dog parks to reopen when county moves to Yellow Phase*

Mayor Sal Panto, Jr. announced today that the City of Easton's two pools will not open for the summer season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Health concerns over social distancing requirements and the current stay-at-home order prompted city officials to be proactive in choosing to keep the pools closed.

City parks remain open for passive recreation, and the Karl Stirner Arts Trail and D&L Trail at Hugh Moore Park are open for walking, running, and bicycling activities. Residents are encouraged to practice social distancing at all times when on the trail.

The city plans to reopen playgrounds at city parks and the city's two dog parks once Northampton County moves into the Yellow Phase under the state's direction. Basketball courts will remain closed.

"While we are disappointed to close the city's pools for the summer, the safety and health of our residents are what is most important right now," said Mayor Panto. "We are committed to following the direction of the Governor and the State Department of Health in helping to stop the spread of the coronavirus."