

OPEN STREETS FAQ:

Why are we closing Main Street without an event?

With businesses being able to reopen, we feel closing Main Street to allow pedestrians to spread out and social distance more easily will help our residents and visitors enjoy downtown and feel comfortable.

Will restaurants be able to have expanded seating during the week?

Yes! We have worked with restaurants who have expressed interest in expanded outdoor dining and created an expanded floorplan to extend on the sidewalk and some parallel parking spots where appropriate and safe.

When will the street close?

5pm on Friday, May 29 – 7am Monday Morning

What about parking?

Luckily, Main Street parking between 7th Avenue and Allen accounts for about 10% of our overall parking availability. We have convenient parking lots that can be found HERE:

<https://www.hendersonvillenc.gov/visit-downtown/directions-parking>. The 100 block of Main Street will also remain mostly open and reserved for Handicap plaque holders.

What about Curbside Pickup?

While the street is closed, our intent is to leave the avenues open to vehicular traffic. There will be curbside pickup / drop off locations at the intersections of Main and the cross streets throughout the closure.

Will Open Streets happen just one weekend?

This all depends on how it goes! If folks like it. City Council will discuss the event and provide additional direction on any additional efforts to pursue this model, while there are restrictions in place for businesses and capacity.