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Wednesday, July 21, 2021

State Update

Governor Murphy signed legislation (S-3982) providing additional aid to New Jersey's small businesses as they continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill provides \$135 million in aid; the funds will be administered by the Economic Development Authority as a part of its Phase IV Emergency Grant Program and NJ Community Stage Relief Grant Program. For more information, visit www.nj.gov/governor.

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

State Update

Governor Murphy announced an easing of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on businesses, venues, and gatherings, given the significant progress in vaccinations and the sustained reduction in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Under Executive Order No. [238](#), the changes will be effective Friday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 19. Restriction changes include the increasing of outdoor gathering limits, large venue capacities, indoor capacities, and more. For more information, visit covid19.nj.gov/faqs.

Monday, May 3, 2021

State Update

On Monday, May 3, 2021, the Small Business Association (SBA) opened applications for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund. The \$28.6 billion fund is a program created by the recently passed American Rescue Plan. The Restaurant Revitalization Fund is designed to help restaurants, bars, and other food-service related businesses that have been impacted by the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic to keep their doors open. The program included in the American Rescue Plan was based on the Restaurants Act of 2021. The program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023. Entities eligible to apply include restaurants, food trucks, caterers, bars, bakeries, and more. To apply and learn more about the program, visit sba.gov.

Tuesday, April 7, 2021

State Update

The [New Jersey Department of Health](#) (NJDOH) has released updated guidance concerning travel restrictions, quarantine timeframes, and fully vaccinated persons. The information includes Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for domestic and international travel. To learn more, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/ and covid19.nj.gov/.

Monday, March 29, 2021

State Update

On Monday, March 29, 2021, Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order No. 234](#). The order will increase outdoor gathering limits from 50 people to 200 people and increase the capacity for large venues with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more to host events at 20% indoor capacity and 30% outdoor capacity. Additionally, the order clarifies indoor capacity limits for banquets, and similar venues, and the outdoor capacity limits for college and youth sporting events. The order will be in effect on Friday, April 2, 2021, at 6:00 a.m.

The general indoor gathering limit will remain at 25 people. Indoor gatherings that currently have a higher limit – religious services or ceremonies, political events, weddings, funerals, memorial services, or performances – will remain unchanged. Outdoor religious services or ceremonies, political events, weddings, funerals, or memorial services will continue to not have any limit. For more information, visit [covid19.nj.gov/faq](https://www.covid19.nj.gov/faq).

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

State Update

68 Walmart and Sam’s Club sites state-wide are partnering with New Jersey to offer vaccine appointments for seniors ages 65 and older. To facilitate vaccination scheduling at these sites, NJ residents 65 and older can call a dedicated senior-specific NJ COVID Call Center at **856-249-7007** from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to make an appointment. Currently, the call center is scheduling available appointments at 14 Walmart sites in South New Jersey; an expansion to the number of sites is expected to occur on March 29, 2021.

Residents 65 and older can also contact their local Walmart or Sam’s Club Pharmacy locations to schedule vaccination appointments. Walmart Pharmacy locations in Morris County that are participating in this initiative include:

- 40 International Dr South, Flanders, NJ 07836 - (973) 347-8060
- 48 State Rt 23, Riverdale, NJ 07457 - (973) 835-5912
- 461 RT 10 Suite A100, Ledgewood, NJ 07852 - (973) 598-4087
- 220 Enterprise Dr, Rockaway, NJ 07866 - (973) 361-6709
- 300 Wootton St, Boonton, NJ 07005 - (973) 299-0944

For more information, visit [covid19.nj.gov](https://www.covid19.nj.gov).

Wednesday, March 11, 2021

State Update

Governor Phil Murphy announced that indoor capacities for New Jersey restaurants, indoor recreational and amusement businesses, gyms and fitness clubs, and barber shops, salons and other personal care businesses will increase to 50% on Friday, March 19, 2021. For more information, visit [covid19.nj.gov](https://www.covid19.nj.gov).

Friday, March 5, 2021

State Update

Governor Phil Murphy signed [Executive Order No. 228](#), allowing indoor wedding receptions to operate at 35% capacity of the room in which they are held, up to 150 individuals. Outdoor wedding receptions are to permit up to 150 individuals. Both capacity limits exclude venue staff. Receptions will be required to follow indoor and outdoor dining guidance, which requires that people eat and drink while seated and wear face coverings at all other times.

Additionally, Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order No. 229](#), extending the prevention of New Jersey residents having their utilities disconnected through at least June 30, 2021. The order applies to all residential gas, electric, and water utilities, both public and private. Furthermore, the utilities will not be permitted to charge late fees nor fees to reconnect services that have been disconnected. Learn more at www.nj.gov

Thursday, March 4, 2021

State Update

Governor Murphy announced the expansion of eligibility for more frontline essential workers and high-risk groups in New Jersey's COVID-19 vaccination program. For more information, visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/vaccine>

Beginning Monday, March 15, 2021, the following categories are eligible for vaccination:

- Educators, including support staff, in pre-K through 12th-grade settings
- Childcare workers in licensed and registered settings
- Public and local transportation workers, including bus, taxi, rideshare, and airport employees; NJ TRANSIT workers; and Motor Vehicle Commission staff
- Public safety workers who are not sworn law enforcement or fire professionals, including probation officers and fire safety inspectors
- Migrant farm workers
- Members of tribal communities
- Individuals experiencing homelessness and those living in shelters, including domestic violence shelters

Beginning Monday, March 29, 2021, the following categories are eligible for vaccination:

- Food production, agriculture, and food distribution
- Eldercare and support
- Warehousing and logistics
- Social services support staff
- Elections personnel
- Hospitality
- Medical supply chain
- Postal and shipping services
- Clergy
- Judicial system

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

State Update

Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 219 which increases indoor capacity limits from 25% to 35% for several businesses, including food and beverage establishments and entertainment and recreational businesses. The Executive Order also lifts the 10:00 p.m. curfew for in-person indoor restaurant service, however local officials may continue to regulate the hours of operation of indoor restaurant service and indoor operations of other non-essential businesses after 8:00 p.m., as they have been able to since November 12. The prohibition on seating at indoor bar areas remains in effect. Performances at entertainment centers, including movie theaters and performing arts centers, and concert venues will similarly be capped at 35% up to a maximum of 150 people. Indoor meetings of addiction groups, such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, will also be limited to 35% up to 150 individuals. The order takes effect Friday, February 5, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. - EO-219 ([nj.gov](https://www.nj.gov))

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

State Update

Governor Murphy announced a major expansion of the state's vaccination program. Beginning today, eligible people who live, work or study in New Jersey who are 65 and older as well as those ages 16 to 64 who have certain medical conditions can receive the Coronavirus vaccine. People are asked to register on the state's website and then make an appointment at one of the 123 approved sites around the state. For detailed information, visit [COVID-19 Vaccine \(nj.gov\)](https://www.nj.gov)

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

State Update

The state has provided informative documents regarding the COVID-19 vaccinations which are now posted on the Randolph Township website ([randolphnj.org](https://www.randolphnj.org)). These include a letter from the NJ Department of Health explaining vaccine Phase 1A, vaccine facts, and vaccine locations. You can also find out more about the state's vaccination roll-out via the Morris County COVID website, [morriscountynj.gov](https://www.morriscountynj.gov).

Saturday, January 2, 2021

County Update

Morris County's at-home testing program is being phased out for all but homebound, symptomatic residents. Instead, the focus will be on having residents use the walk-up testing center at County College of Morris (CCM). Walk up testing requires individuals to [preregister for a test](#) through the Morris County COVID-19 website. Individuals who are symptomatic and unable to leave their home will still be able to order no-cost, at-home tests through the [Morris County COVID-19 website](#), but the only at-home test available will be a federally-supported nasal test known as Pixel, which is provided by Lab Corp.

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy announced that the state now has a central online location for official COVID-19 vaccine-related information, with a landing page for the Vaccine Registration portal in the near future. Visit covid19.nj.gov/vaccine, for more information.

Monday, December 14, 2020

County Update

Morris County's Board of Freeholders announced the launch of a no-cost, COVID-19 testing station for Morris County residents and people who work in Morris County inside the Student Center at the County College of Morris (CCM). The tests will be made available by appointment only, and appointments are now being accepted for testing on Monday, Dec. 14, and Saturday, Dec. 19. After next week, appointments for the testing at CCM will be scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. No one will be permitted to walk into the facility without an appointment, and appointments must be scheduled on-line through the [Morris County COVID-19 Information website](#). Proof of residency or proof of employment within Morris County will be required upon arrival at the Student Center for the appointment.

Friday, December 11, 2020

County Update

Morris County's Board of Freeholders today announced the launch of a no-cost, COVID-19 testing station for Morris County residents and people who work in Morris County inside the Student Center at the County College of Morris (CCM). The tests will be made available by appointment only; appointments are being accepted now for testing on Monday, Dec. 14 and Saturday, Dec. 19. After next week, appointments for the testing at CCM will be scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. No one will be permitted to walk into the facility without an appointment; appointments must be scheduled on-line through the [Morris County COVID-19 Information website](#). Proof of residency or proof of employment within Morris County will be required upon arrival at the Student Center for the appointment. Individuals will be limited to two, no-cost tests per month whether they receive the tests at the CCM facility or through the at-home testing program currently available to Morris County residents and workers through the county's COVID-19 information website. For more details <https://bit.ly/39WSG3U>

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

State Update

The NJEDA has announced that the deadline for companies to receive discounts on purchases of personal protective equipment (PPE) through the [New Jersey Small and Micro Business PPE Access Program](#) has been extended by one week to Thursday, December 17, 2020. The decision to extend the deadline was made in response to the significant demand for support through the PPE Access Program.. For more information, visit <https://ppe.covid19.nj.gov>.

Monday, November 30, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order No. 204](#), prohibiting indoor practices and competitions for organized, group, and/or competitive sports defined as “Low Risk”, “Medium Risk”, and “High Risk” by DOH’s “Guidance for Sports Activities”. The order also limits the number of individuals at outdoor gatherings to 25 persons or fewer. An outdoor gathering that is a religious service, wedding ceremony, funeral, or memorial service is not required to comply with the numerical limit on persons. For more information, visit www.nj.gov.

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Local Update

There is a new feature in the COVID-19 section of the township website. Residents can now view a graphical analysis of the COVID-19 data. This information will be updated weekly. For more information, visit www.randolphnj.org.

Monday, November 23, 2020

State Update

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) announced that it will increase the discounts available on purchases of personal protective equipment made through the NJ Small and Micro Business PPE Access Program to nearly 70 percent, effective Tuesday, November 24, 2020. The NJEDA will also double the per-business cap on discount vouchers. These discounts will be available to New Jersey businesses and nonprofits with 100 or fewer employees until December 10, 2020. More information is available at covid19.nj.gov/ppeaccess.

Monday, November 16, 2020

State Update

Governor Phil Murphy signed [Executive Order No. 196](#), lowering the indoor and outdoor gathering limits. Effective Tuesday, November 17 at 6:00 a.m., the indoor gathering limit will decrease from 25 to 10 people. The outdoor gathering limit will decrease from 500 people to 150 people, effective Monday, November 23 at 6:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 12, 2020

State Update

Governor Phil Murphy signed [Executive Order No. 195](#), which permits municipalities and counties to impose additional restrictions on the hours of operation of non-essential retail businesses, food and beverage establishments, and recreation and entertainment businesses after 8:00 p.m. The Order prohibits municipalities and counties from imposing restrictions that prevent dining establishments from arranging for the pickup or delivery of goods or otherwise limiting their scope of operations. The Order will take effect immediately.

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

State Update

Governor Phil Murphy signed [Executive Order No. 194](#), which includes new COVID-19 mitigation measures. The measures include restrictions on seating and hours for restaurants, bars, clubs, and lounges, and prohibition of interstate indoor K-12 and youth sports. The measures will take effect on Thursday, November 12 at 5:00 a.m. <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-194.pdf>

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

State Update

Governor Phil Murphy signed [Executive Order No. 192](#), providing mandatory health and safety standards to protect all New Jersey’s workers at work during the pandemic. The executive order will require both private and public sector employers to follow health and safety protocols that will serve to protect their in-person workforces. The Order mandates that as of 6:00 a.m. on November 5th, all employers, at minimum, require individuals at worksites to maintain at least six feet of distance from others to the maximum extent possible and require employees and visitors to wear masks when entering worksites, subject to certain limited exceptions. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJEDOL) will support the Department of Health’s efforts to address worker complaints from their employers.

Friday, October 9, 2020

County Update

Morris County and its 39 towns will share \$8,415,816 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding out of \$60 Million released by Governor Phil Murphy for severely impacted county and local governments not qualified to receive direct federal aid. Morris County will receive \$2.3 million while \$6.1 million is being shared among the municipalities. The funding is intended to help towns deal with the unexpected costs caused by the pandemic, including increased costs in health benefits, health and human services, public safety, overtime, equipment and supply expenditures. For a breakdown on the amounts to be provided to Morris County and each town click [here](#).

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

State Update

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) announced the launch of the Business Consulting for COVID-19 Recovery Program, a free consulting program to help small businesses address the challenges they are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and help them prepare for a strong long-term recovery. Participating businesses will receive advice and assistance in securing grants and loans, adapting their business models to current needs, crafting long-term business strategies, evaluating their financial health, and improving accounting and bookkeeping systems, among other services and lessons that can help them build a stronger, more sustainable business. The program’s pilot phase is currently eligible to businesses with five or fewer employees that maintain a physical storefront or office space in one of New Jersey’s 169 [Opportunity Zones](#). Businesses interested in participating should complete the NJEDA’s [intake form](#).

Friday, October 2, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy and New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the launch of COVID-19 exposure notification mobile apps in their respective states that will serve as a tool to supplement contact tracing efforts. The free mobile apps, COVID Alert NJ and COVID Alert NY, are available to anyone 18 or older who lives, works, or attends college in New Jersey or New York, and are available for download from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. The apps use Exposure Notification System Technology, developed by Google and Apple, to strengthen contact tracing programs in New Jersey and New York. The COVID Alert apps notify users if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. For more information about the COVID Alert NJ app, visit www.nj.gov.

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order No.183](#) permitting food and beverage establishments to offer in-person service at indoor areas provided they follow NJ Department of Health guidelines. **The order takes effect at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, September 4, 2020.** For a copy of the Department of Health Executive Directive click [here](#). For a copy of the Department of Health's Health and Safety Standards for Indoor Dining in Restaurants click [here](#).

Friday, August 28, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order No.181](#), permitting gyms and health clubs to reopen their indoor premises to the public on Tuesday, September 1 at 6:00 a.m., provided that they comply with the health and safety standards issued by the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH). To view the NJDOH standards, click [here](#).

County Update

The Morris-Sussex-Warren Workforce Development Board (MSW WDB) is offering services and resources designed to support business recovery for employers as they adapt operations and readjust their workplaces to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. These resources and services can advise businesses on vital business operation needs, such as finding employees with unique skills, covering costs of employee training, re-tooling your workplace, and other important items. For information, contact Beth Rodgers, MSW WDB Associate Director of Business Services at 973-631-5145 or brodgers@co.morris.nj.us, for further information visit www.mswwdb.org.

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

County Update

The Morris County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) introduced a new website designed to connect local companies with local job seekers. The website, www.connecttomorris.com, will be utilized as a hyper-local resource where businesses and employers in the community can post job opportunities, business profiles, and media about their operations and the benefits of working within their company. In addition to creating a platform for businesses to share employment opportunities and promote themselves, the website also enables Morris County talent to post their resumes for prospective employers to view. Additionally, the website also provides career exploration, education, and training guidance to students, and publishes hiring events for users to either participate in or mark on their calendars. For more information visit www.connecttomorris.com, to view the Morris County Press Release visit www.morriscountynj.gov/morris-county-jobs-new-website-to-connect-businesses-and-job-seekers/.

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

State Update

The application portal for the Small Landlord Emergency Grant Program opens today at 9:00 am. The NJHMFA's Small Landlord Emergency Grant Program will reimburse small residential rental property owners for lost rent revenue due to COVID-19 between April and July 2020. High application volumes are anticipated. If you are unable to submit your application, please try again later. Please note that the application period ends August 26. View the application checklist [here](#).

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy announced the first phase of the New Jersey Small and Micro Business PPE Access Program, designed to ensure that the state's small businesses and non-profits have access to the fairly priced personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary to facilitate safe working conditions during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The phase was approved by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority Board on August 11, 2020, advancing this initial step of a \$15 million initiative to address the ongoing demand for PPE. The program's first phase will include the launch of a new website that provides micro and small businesses with the information needed to make more accessible and improved PPE sourcing decisions. Applications for online retailers to participate in the program are expected to launch soon. More information can be found on the State's COVID19.nj.gov website. For more information about the New Jersey Small and Micro Business PPE Access Program visit www.nj.gov. To read Governor Murphy's full economic plan, visit www.nj.gov/economicplan.

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Federal Update

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority announced that it has started accepting applications for its expanded Micro Business Loan Program to support small businesses facing challenges as a result of COVID-19. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and can be found at www.njeda.com.

State Update

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) announced that its Board has approved the use of \$15.3 million in Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Emergency Security (CARES) Act funding to provide grants through the Authority's Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program to businesses located in 12 counties that did not receive direct allocations of CARES Act funding from the federal government. The funds will be added to the more than \$100 million the NJEDA is currently administering to support COVID-19-impacted businesses. The additional \$15.3 million approved for use today will go toward fulfilling eligible Phase 2 grant applications from businesses located in the 12 New Jersey counties that did not receive direct CARES Act funding allocations from the federal government: Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Morris, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren, to learn more visit www.njeda.com.

Friday, August 7, 2020

State Update

The New Jersey Department of Health unveiled an online dashboard designed to highlight contact tracing efforts being conducted throughout the state. The Contact Tracing Dashboard operates as an addition to the New Jersey COVID-19 Dashboard which encompasses information such as COVID-19 cases and trends, case and mortality summaries, and hospital discharges. The new dashboard will present information about the rate of successful contact interviews, the number of contacts notified, the effectiveness of the tracing, etc.; to learn more visit, www.nj.gov.

Tuesday, August 3, 2020

State Update

Governor Phil Murphy announced the decrease of the indoor gathering capacity limit in response to the increase of COVID-19 cases in New Jersey. Indoor gatherings are now limited to 25 percent of a room's capacity, but regardless of the room's capacity, the maximum limit shall be 25 persons, down from 100 persons. For purposes of determining this limit, any private residence or residential unit shall be treated as a single room. The change will not be applicable to the following events: weddings, funerals, memorial services, religious services or celebrations, and political activities. These events may continue under the previous rules that limited these events to 25 percent of a room's capacity, but with a limit of 100 persons, to learn more visit www.nj.gov.

Friday, July 17, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order No. 166](#), which establishes the Governor’s Disaster Recovery Office (GDRO) and COVID-19 Compliance Task Force. The GDRO will assume the responsibilities of the Governor's Office of Recovery & Rebuilding, which will no longer exist. The GDRO will be responsible for the following activities, among others:

- Coordinating the work of “COVID-19 Accountability Officers,” as described in the order, to ensure cross-agency collaboration, compliance, and transparency
- Developing a transparency website within ninety (90) days of the date of this order to track the State’s eligible and planned uses of any funds disbursed by the federal or State government to help New Jersey residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and other entities respond to or recover from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Coordinating and consulting with all relevant stakeholders regarding the disbursement of COVID-19 Recovery Funds and the administration of COVID-19 Recovery Programs
- Publishing an annual report summarizing the State’s use of federal funds in response to COVID-19. For information about Executive Order No. 166, visit www.nj.gov.

Thursday, July 16, 2020

State Update

Representative Mikie Sherrill launched a second survey for small businesses in the 11th District of New Jersey to collect feedback on the COVID-19 and reopening challenges they are continuing to face. The brief survey will ask questions related to your business' experience with government assistance, employee experience, unanswered questions, and more. The aggregate results of this survey will be used by Representative Sherrill’s Office to advocate for more support for New Jersey small businesses. To participate in the second NJ-11 Small Business Survey click [here](#).

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

County Update

The Morris County Chamber of Commerce has assembled a list of resources to aid businesses in their return to the work place, for more information visit, www.morrischamber.org/reopening_business_resources.

NJ Return to Work guidance:
[Return to Work Guidelines](#)
[FAQs for Employers](#)
[General FAQs](#)

US Dept. of Labor – OSHA Guidance
[Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#)
[NJDOL - Updated Info for Businesses & Employers](#)
[CDC Business & Workplace Prep](#)

Monday, July 13, 2020

State Update

Gov. Phil Murphy signed [Executive Order No.163](#) which will lift the 50 percent ridership capacity on NJ Transit private-carrier buses, trains, light rail vehicles, and Access Link vehicles starting on Wednesday, July 15, at 8 p.m. Additionally Governor Murphy signed Executive Order 163 requiring individuals to wear masks in outdoor public spaces when they cannot social distance, for more information about these orders visit www.nj.gov/infobank.

Friday, July 10, 2020

Local Update

Join local representatives on July 13 at 5:00 p.m. for a [#MondayWithMikie](#) virtual meeting to ask questions about COVID-19, the latest on reopening, and to talk about the continued federal response. Participants in the discussion include Representative Mikie Sherrill (NJ-11), Randolph Township Mayor Christine Carey, Senator Anthony Bucco (LD-25), Morris County Chamber Commerce President Meghan Hunscher, and Morristown Medical Center Section Chief of Infectious Disease Dr. Jason Kessler. To register for this event, visit ushr.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex. Submit questions here: <https://bit.ly/MWMJuly13>

Monday, July 6, 2020

Federal Update

The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Treasury Department, announced it was releasing detailed loan-level data regarding the loans made under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). This disclosure covers each of the 4.9 million PPP loans that have been made. The data release also includes overall statistics regarding dollars lent per state, loan amounts, top lenders, and distribution by industry. The data provides information regarding the sizes of participating lenders, community development financial institutions, minority depository institutions, Farm Credit System institutions, fin techs and other nonbanks, and other types of lenders. It further contains data showing the reach of the program in underserved communities, rural communities, historically underutilized business zones (HUB Zones), and participation by religious, grant making, civil, professional, and other similar organizations. For more information visit www.sba.gov, or click [here](#).

State Update

Governor Murphy issued [Executive Order No. 161](#), which allows for an increase in the capacity of outdoor gathering restrictions to 500 people, effective 6:00 a.m. on Friday, July 3. Outdoor religious services and political activities continue to have no numerical limits. All indoor gatherings continue to be limited to 25 percent capacity of the rooms in which they will take place, with a maximum of 100 persons. Also on Thursday, July 2 Governor Murphy issued [Executive Order No. 162](#), extending the public health emergency in New Jersey for an additional 30 days.

Monday, June 29, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy announced that plans to allow indoor dining will no longer resume on Thursday, July 2. The state had planned to loosen dining restrictions this week; however after a trend of COVID-19 case spikes in other states driven by, in part, the return of indoor dining, the decision to postpone indoor dining indefinitely was made, for more information visit www.nj.gov.

Friday, June 26, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy issued [Executive Order No. 157](#) allowing for indoor dining to resume at 25% capacity on July 2. Executive Order No. 157 also includes guidelines for recreational and entertainment businesses to reopen on July 2 at 25% capacity. Gyms and fitness centers, movie theaters, performing arts centers, concert venues, and indoor amusement and water parks must remain closed until further notice, except that gyms and fitness centers may offer individualized indoor instruction by appointment only.

Friday, June 26, 2020

County Update

The Morris County COVID-19 testing center at CCM closed today. The center, which was operated in coordination with Atlantic Health Systems, closed because many other test providers are now available, including numerous urgent care facilities and pharmacies across the county that are now offering nasal swab and saliva tests. In the nearly three months of operation, the CCM site provided nasal swab tests to some 8,000 residents. For up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Morris County, visit <https://health.morriscountynj.gov/coronavirus/>

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 156 increasing the indoor and outdoor gathering capacity limits. <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-156.pdf>

Friday, June 19, 2020

County Update

Morris County will close its COVID-19 drive-thru testing center at the County College of Morris at the end of next week, with the last scheduled day of free testing set for Friday, June 26. For more information visit www.morriscountynj.gov

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

State Update

The NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) announced the launch of the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (CVERAP) which will provide temporary rental assistance to selected low and moderate income households who have experienced unemployment or reduced income due to the pandemic. For more information on the program and how to apply, visit www.nj.gov/dca. Enrollment opens July 6 and runs through July 10.

Saturday, June 13, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy issued [Executive Order No. 154](#) permitting personal care services to open effective 6:00 a.m. on Monday, June 22 provided that the facility complies with standards issued by the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs and NJ Department of Health. Additionally, [Administrative Order No. 2020-15](#) was issued concerning the reopening of libraries under certain circumstance. This order also provides additional guidance on schools, real estate open houses, essential retail businesses, car washes, yard sales, special events and private tutoring facilities.

Thursday, June 11, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy's Administration, in conjunction with Rutgers University's Heldrich Center for Workforce Development, released the results of an online survey conducted earlier this month. The survey drew responses from nearly 4,000 businesses and non-profits across New Jersey. Results of the survey demonstrate, overwhelmingly, that while the business and non-profit community is eager to get back to work, owners understand and take seriously the public health risks posed by COVID-19 and the responsibility to provide a safe experience for employees and customers. The survey found that a majority of small business owners (51%) cited consumer confidence as the most pressing issue, while 13% cited access to personal protective equipment as their biggest concern, for further information about the survey findings visit www.nj.gov.

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy issued two new Executive Orders, including the lifting of a statewide stay-at-home directive and expanding limits on the number of people allowed at indoor and outdoor gatherings. In addition, all outdoor recreation and entertainment businesses can reopen except for amusement parks, water parks, and arcades. The Governor stated that the latter group of businesses brings in a high concentration of people into high touch areas, so they are presently not safe; he promised to consider their reopening in the future. The Governor asked that residents continue to be responsible and safe by wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing.

Executive Order No. 152 <https://nj.gov/infobank/EO-152.pdf/>

Executive Order No. 153 <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/EO-153.pdf>

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

State Update

At 9:00 a.m. this morning applications for Phase 2 of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority's Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program became available. The new round of applications will mark the second phase of the NJEDA Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program which previously provided more than \$8 million in grants to nearly 2,500 businesses across New Jersey's 21 counties during Phase 1. Phase 2 of the application program includes eligibility changes related to NAICS codes, employee caps, home-based businesses and non-profit organizations, applicants interested in learning about their eligibility or applying for the program can visit faq.business.nj.gov. The NJEDA staff will process the applications on a first-come-first-served basis. There is no application fee. To learn about additional resources for small businesses impacted by COVID-19 visit www.sba.gov

Monday, June 8, 2020

Local Update

The Morris County Covid-19 drive-through test center at the County College of Morris in Randolph will now be open to all Morris County and Sussex County residents who want a nasal swab test, without a prescription and whether or not they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. All first responders and health care workers, who work in Morris and Sussex County, will also be offered priority testing without a prescription or symptoms, regardless of their county of residence. There is NO fee for testing. You are still required to have an appointment to be tested. To sign up for a testing appointment visit health.morriscountynj.gov/COVIDTesting.

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

State Update

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) announced that applications for the expanded Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program will be available at 9:00 a.m. on June 9, 2020 in both English and Spanish. The \$45 million program will provide grants up to \$10,000 for small businesses impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. A sample application that business owners can use to prepare is available in English, Spanish, and ten additional languages at cv.business.nj.gov, for more information visit www.njeda.com.

Monday, June, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy's previously outlined multi-stage reopening plan will progress into Stage Two, starting Monday, June 15. Guided by strict protocols from the New Jersey Department of Health, as well as input from the Governor's Restart and Recovery Commission and complementary Advisory Councils, Stage Two will include outdoor dining for restaurants, and limited in-person non-essential retail. Beginning on June 22, barbershops and salons will be able to reopen. All of these activities will be allowed under strict health and safety guidelines that will be issued in the coming days. For more information about New Jersey's 'Road Back: Public Health' plan visit www.nj.gov.

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

State Update

The State of New Jersey is requesting NJ Business owners respond to their online COVID-19 Information Hub Survey. Responses will be used to better understand how to help businesses get back to work safely and productively. By filling out an [online survey](#) about your operations you can help inform the State's reopening strategy and upcoming business and organization assistance opportunities. For more information visit covid19.nj.gov/index

Friday, May 22, 2020

State Update

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) announced a \$50 million expansion of its Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program, which provides funding to small businesses facing financial challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The expanded program will provide grants up to \$10,000 to qualified businesses and relaxes eligibility criteria to include a broader variety of businesses as well as home-based businesses and sole proprietorships. For more information about the Small Business Grant Program, visit www.njeda.com.

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

County Update

The Morris County Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 Task Force, led by state Sen. Anthony Bucco and Bruce Groves, CEO of Emilcott & Associates, has released a new report and business industry risk scorecard regarding the current public health crisis. The report is designed to provide guidance to the State of New Jersey on how best to safely reopen business operations with proper mitigation measures. Sen. Bucco will forward the plan to Gov. Phil Murphy and legislative leaders, encouraging the Murphy Administration to review and adopt its guidance.

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

State Update

Governor Phil Murphy and Superintendent of the State Police Colonel Patrick Callahan, announced an Administrative Order authorizing in-person sales to resume at car dealerships, motorcycle dealerships, boat dealerships, and bike shops, by appointment only and with social distancing measures in place. The Order will take effect at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20. A copy of the Administrative Order and information about the social distancing measures that must be maintained can be found [here](#).

Monday, May 18, 2020

State Update

Governor Phil Murphy introduced a multi-stage approach to execute a responsible and strategic economic restart to put New Jersey on the road back to recovery from COVID-19. The multi-stage blueprint, guided by the Governor's Restart and Recovery Commission and complementary Advisory Councils, plans for a methodical and strategic reopening of businesses and activities based on level of disease transmission risk and essential classification, to view the multi-stage plan visit www.nj.gov. In addition to the introduction of multi-stage blueprint, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 147, allowing certain outdoor activities at recreational businesses to open with required social distancing measures in place. The order takes effect on Friday, May 22 at 6:00 a.m. To learn about the social distancing measures that need to be maintained for these recreational businesses, visit www.nj.gov.

Friday, May 15, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 143 opening beaches and lakes effective 6:00 a.m. Friday, May 22, for more information visit www.nj.gov. Governor Murphy also signed Executive Order No. 142, allowing non-essential retail businesses to reopen to the public, but only where they adopt specific policies/requirements. This order is effective beginning 6:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18. [Non-Essential Retail Businesses Reopening Guidance PDF](#)

Thursday, May 14, 2020

State Update

Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 142, permitting the resumption of non-essential construction, curbside pickup at non-essential retail businesses, and car gatherings for the purpose of drive-through and drive-in events. The construction and non-essential retail provisions will take effect at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18 while the car gatherings provision will take effect immediately. For more information about the Executive Order visit www.nj.gov

Monday, May 11, 2020

County Update

Morris County in coordination with the Atlantic Health System, will resume COVID-19 testing at the County College of Morris in Randolph starting Monday, May 11. The hours for testing have changed, with the center operating from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on weekdays. Only Morris and Sussex residents who have a prescription from a doctor or medical provider and have properly signed up for an appointment will be allowed at the testing site. For information and to make an appointment residents should visit the Morris County [Office of Health Management website](#).

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Federal Update

Representative Mikie Sherrill launched a survey for small businesses in the 11th District. Small business owners are encouraged to complete the survey to share your experiences with the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) and Grants: [Small Business Survey](#)

Local Update

In an effort to communicate COVID-19 case information in a format that is easier to read, Randolph Township has developed a new digital dashboard which will be posted and updated daily on the township website, www.randolphnj.org. The dashboard features all the data contained in previous updates, as well as some additional demographic information related to the confirmed cases.

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

State Update

Governor Phil Murphy and Superintendent of the State Police Colonel Patrick Callahan announced an Administrative Order clarifying that recreational and entertainment activities prohibited under [Executive Order No. 107](#) are also prohibited from taking place within the brick-and-mortar premises of essential retail businesses that are permitted to remain open. Under the order, recreational and entertainment activities are also prohibited within the facilities of public, private, and parochial preschool programs, or elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools that remain closed to students. The order will take effect immediately. A copy of the Administrative Order can be found [here](#).

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

County Update

Morris County continues to work with long term healthcare facilities, senior facilities, and with first responder agencies to provide urgently needed personal protection equipment (PPE) for the continuing battle with COVID-19. To date, the Office of Emergency Management has coordinated the distribution of thousands of PPE items to more than 120 facilities and first responder agencies throughout the county. For more information about the Morris County Office of Emergency Management's efforts in response to current pandemic, visit oem.morriscountynj.gov/

Local Update

In response to the unprecedented levels of financial difficulties students are facing, the County College of Morris Foundation has launched the Titan Emergency Fund Campaign to provide some relief to students struggling in the face of the COVID -19 pandemic. Awards to students can vary depending on specific needs. All contributions to the fund will be awarded to students most in need. To make a donation to the Titan Emergency Fund to help a student today, go to www.ccm.edu/FundDonate/

Monday, May 4, 2020

State Update

Governor Phil Murphy announced that statewide school closures will be extended through the end of the 2019-2020 academic year. Private schools with longer academic years will remain closed until at least June 30. Public schools will continue to provide remote learning for students to allow districts to meet the state-required minimum of 180 instruction days, for further information visit www.nj.gov.

Thursday, April 30, 2020

County Update

The Morris County Park Commission will have a partial reopening of its 38 distinct park facilities, including all four county golf courses, on Saturday, May 2. Social distancing is still required while visiting the parks. For more information about the Morris County Park Commission click [here](#).

County Update

To reduce the spread of COVID-19 and help move Morris County towards recovery, the Morris County Board of Freeholders, in coordination with local and county health officials, is taking steps to initiate an aggressive countywide contact tracing program. Partnering with New York and Connecticut, the county will seek guidance on compatible and interoperable contact tracing software. In addition to utilizing such software, the county plans to hire personnel needed to manage the contact tracing effort, which include hiring a part-time public health nurse and three to five disease control field representatives. For more information visit <https://morriscountynj.gov/2020/04/covid-19-freeholders-approve-aggressive-contact-tracing-program/>

Local Update

In accordance with Executive Order No. 133 issued by Governor Murphy, Randolph Township will have a partial reopening of its parks on Saturday, May 2. All Randolph parks will be open for the following passive recreation activities in which social distancing can be achieved and maintained: walking, hiking, jogging, biking and fishing (where applicable). To allow parks and trails to remain open for passive recreation, users are asked to follow proper [CDC protocols](#).

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

State Update

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development announced that recipients of federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) who are self-employed, independent contractors and are not usually eligible for unemployment insurance benefits, will start being notified of their PUA eligibility on Wednesday, April 29, and the Department will begin making payments on Friday, May 1. For more information visit www.myunemployment.nj.gov/labor/myunemployment/

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 130, which allows municipalities to extend the grace period for property tax payments due on May 1st to June 1. Under [Executive Order 130](#), municipalities are not required to extend the property tax grace period. The Order provides municipalities with flexibility to determine how to proceed given the unprecedented circumstances caused by COVID-19. The order will take effect immediately.

Monday, April 27, 2020

Federal Update

On April 24, 2020, President Trump signed the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Increase Act of 2020 into law. The new law expands and modifies the significant new resources for businesses from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) that were established in previous legislation, including the CARES Act, replenishing funding for both PPP and Economic Injury Disaster Loans. The U.S. Small Business Administration will resume accepting PPP loan applications on **Monday, April 27, at 10:30 a.m.** from approved lenders on behalf of any eligible borrower.

Businesses can apply through any existing SBA 7(a) lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, and Farm Credit System institution that is participating. Further information and sample applications are available at: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>. Additional Covid-19/Novel Coronavirus Information for New Jersey Businesses can be found at www.faq.business.nj.gov

Friday, April 24, 2020

State Update

The NJ Department of Labor (NJDOLE) has created a web portal that allows New Jersey residents to contact the department directly about unemployment applications during the current COVID-19 crisis. This portal is designed for residents who have already applied for unemployment benefits and are finding it difficult to have their applications processed or to receive payment. To submit a message about those applications, residents must visit www.myunemployment.nj.gov. Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 128, which authorizes tenants under certain circumstances to apply their security deposit monies to pay rent. www.nj.gov/infobank/EO-128.pdf

County Update

The Morris County Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs & ELC Forum was held virtually today at 11:00 a.m. In attendance were NJ elected officials and MCCC members who discussed business and government operation during the current COVID-19 crisis. To watch a recorded session of the forum visit the Morris County Chamber of Commerce Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/morrischamber/

Thursday, April 23, 2020

State Update

NJ Department of Labor Commissioner Asaro-Angelo was asked a series of basic questions by ROI – NJ.com about the department’s response and actions during the current COVID-19 pandemic. The interview may be of interest for Morris County residents who are seeking benefits and are having difficulty connecting to the system. To learn more visit www.roi-nj.com

Sunday, April 19, 2020

State Update

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, Delaware Governor John Carney, Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo and Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker announced their appointees to the multi-state council to restore the economy and get people back to work. The appointees include one health expert, one economic development expert and the respective Chief of Staff from each state. For a list of the appointees selected visit www.nj.gov.

Saturday, April 18, 2020

State Update

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, and Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont announced that marinas, boatyards and marine manufacturers will be allowed open for personal use as long as strict social distancing and sanitization protocols are followed. Chartered watercraft services or rentals will not be allowed, and restaurant activity at these sites must be limited to take-out or delivery only, like anywhere else in the three states.

Thursday, April 16, 2020

Federal Update

The U.S. government continues to update actions/resources on USA.gov to provide information about their responses to the current COVID-19 crisis. The information included relates to vital parts of our governmental functions including info about health, safety, travel, money, education, frauds, housing, national parks, elections, businesses and more. [Summary of federal government information and actions regarding the COVID-19 virus](#)

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

State Update

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development have prepared two guides to help self-employed NJ workers understand what benefits are available and how to apply for them. [Self-Employed NJ Workers: Frequently Asked Questions during the Coronavirus Emergency](#) [Guidance for Self-Employed Individuals Filing a Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claim](#)

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

State Update

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJLW) have made a series of moves to get unemployment claims and customer questions answered at faster speeds. For more information about the Department of Labor and Workforce efforts visit www.nj.gov/labor

Monday, April 13, 2020

State Update

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, Delaware Governor John Carney, and Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo announced the creation of a multi-state council to restore the economy and get people back to work. The council will be comprised of one health expert, one economic expert, and the respective chief of staff from each state. The group will work together to develop plans that will gradually lift current state stay-at-home orders while minimizing the risk of increased spread of COVID-19. For more information about the multi-state taskforce, visit www.nj.gov.

Saturday, April 11, 2020

State Update

Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive [Order No. 125](#), imposing additional mitigation requirements on NJ TRANSIT and all private carriers to limit the spread of COVID-19. The orders also outline specific policies on restaurants that have remained open for takeout orders. To learn about these requirements visit www.nj.gov

Thursday, April 9, 2020

State Update

Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive [Order No. 123](#), extending grace periods during which certain insurance companies, including health insurers, life insurers, and property and casualty insurers, will not be able to cancel policies for nonpayment of premiums. For more information visit www.nj.gov

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order No. 120](#), postponing the New Jersey Primary Election to July 7, 2020. Additionally, Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order No. 122](#), ceasing all non-essential construction projects and imposing additional mitigation requirements on essential retail businesses and essential industries to limit the spread of COVID-19 in New Jersey. These requirements include limiting the number of people in essential retail businesses and the mandatory wearing of a face covering.

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order No. 119](#), extending the state's current Public Health Emergency declaration by an additional 30 days. The governor's initial declaration was made in Executive Order No.103 on March 9 with its 30-day expiration date falling on April 8th. Executive Order No. 119 will extend the Public Health Emergency declaration into early May.

Local Update

The Randolph Township Economic Development Committee Facebook page will begin featuring Randolph businesses that are donating and/or helping others to fight COVID-19. The features will take place once daily on the EDC social media page and may feature a photo and brief description of the donation/activity. For more information visit the [EDC's Facebook page @RTNJEDC](#) or Facebook message, DM, or tag the EDC's social media team to be added to the list.

Monday, April 6, 2020

State Update

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act established and expanded many federal programs designed to provide small businesses and non-profits with additional grant and forgivable loan opportunities. These programs include:

- [Paycheck Protection Program](#)
- [Economic Injury Disaster Loans & Emergency Economic Injury Grants](#)
- [SBA Express Bridge Loans](#)
- [SBA Debt Relief](#)

Presently applications are being taken for Economic Injury Disaster Loans and the [Paycheck Protections Program](#), which provides cash flow assistance to aid companies in meeting costs such as, payroll, benefits, rent, mortgage interest and utilities. To apply for the federal loan and grant programs above or to get a list of approved private lenders please contact the U.S. Small Business Administration at www.sba.gov/coronavirus or call 1-800-659-2955.

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Federal Update

The U.S. government has created a webpage to provide information about their responses to the current COVID-19 crisis. The information included contains actions and resources related to health, safety, travel, money, education, frauds, housing, national parks, elections, businesses and more. [Summary of federal government information and actions regarding the COVID-19 virus](#)

Friday, April 3, 2020

Federal Update

The IRS issued a warning yesterday about Coronavirus-related scams; watch out for schemes tied to economic impact payments. To read the complete warning, please visit <https://bit.ly/346jQAc>

State Update

In response to the economic challenges being faced by NJ businesses and non-profits the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) has created the Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program. Those interested in applying for the Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant should visit forms.business.nj.gov/grant. Applications are open now and **will close April 10, 2020 at 9 a.m.** Completed applications will be considered on a first come, first serve rolling basis. Businesses can now access the full [Notice of Funding Availability](#).

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy, Senate President Sweeney, and Assembly Speaker Coughlin issued a joint statement extending the state income tax filing deadline and the corporation business tax filing deadline from April 15 to July 15. In addition to the tax deadline extension, Governor Murphy announced today that the FAFSA deadline for eligible college students will be extended from April 15 to June 1.

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy and State Police Colonel Patrick Callahan enacted an Administrative Order amending which businesses are permitted to operate and clarifying ways in which some businesses may operate in accordance with Executive Order No. 107. For more information visit www.nj.gov

Local Update

All township-initiated restrictions and/or closings, not previously superseded by executive order of Governor Murphy, have been extended through April 15. A reassessment will be conducted at that time. Residents are encouraged to utilize online service options wherever possible and to call or email the relevant department regarding any other matters of business. For a complete listing, check out the [Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Informed Revised.pdf](#)

Monday, March 30, 2020

County Update

Morris County announced that a joint federal-state task force has been created to investigate and prosecute a wide range of misconduct arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. The task force will probe unlawful hoarding of medical supplies, price gouging, charity scams, procurement fraud, insurance fraud, phishing schemes, and false and misleading investment opportunities. For more information and the hotline number to report such misconduct, visit www.morriscountynj.gov.

Sunday, March 29, 2020

State Update

On March 27, 2020 the President signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Provided here are documents about the CARES Act assembled by Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill's office.

- [CARES Act for Small Business](#)
- [CARES Act - Guide for the Small Business Owner.pdf](#)
- [CARES Act and Social Security.pdf](#)
- [2020 Rebates FAQ.pdf](#)

The following links provide additional information on recently passed state legislation aimed at assisting businesses and individuals impacted by the Coronavirus.

- [COVID-19 MMLF and I-Bank.pdf](#)
- [COVID-19 Mortgage Payment Relief.pdf](#)
- [COVID-19 SNAP Benefit Assistance.pdf](#)
- NJ COVID-19 Information Hub: covid19.nj.gov/

Saturday, March 28, 2020

State Update

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority has announced initiatives to assist state businesses and workers facing hardship due to the impact of the Coronavirus. For more information [NJEDA Initiatives to Support Businesses COVID-19](#)

Local Update

The Randolph Township Economic Development Committee (EDC) encourages the community to “eat local” and support Randolph restaurants by (1) ordering delivery or takeout, (2) purchasing gift cards for later use, or (3) sending a meal to a friend as a kind gesture! Please visit each business Facebook page and “like” to show your support! The EDC has assembled a listing of all the Randolph restaurants that remain open during the COVID-19 crisis, which can be viewed here at [Eat Local Initiative](#). If you know of a Randolph restaurant that is open and is not on the list, please contact the Randolph EDC via Chairperson John Ragan at jragan@randolphnj.org.

Thursday, March 26, 2020

State Update

The NJ Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) approved a suite of new programs designed to support businesses and workers facing economic hardship due to the outbreak of COVID-19. The package of initiatives includes a grant program for small businesses, a zero-interest loan program for mid-size companies, support for private-sector lenders and Community Development Finance Institutions (CDFIs), funding for entrepreneurs, and a variety of resources providing technical support and marketplace information. For more information, please see <https://bit.ly/2vNz54m>

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy announced the launch of a new online portal to connect New Jersey residents with jobs in critical industries responding to COVID-19. The job portal is available at jobs.covid19.nj.gov. Employers in critical industries should submit information about openings with urgent hiring needs related to COVID19 at jobs.covid19.nj.gov/intake. The jobs portal already has more than 12,000 openings and more are being added every day.

Additionally, the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness created a page to help the public distinguish between facts and rumors/disinformation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/covid19

Saturday, March 21, 2020

State Update

Governor Murphy signed two new Executive Orders, [107](#) and [108](#), which he termed “stay at home orders.” The new orders direct that all gatherings be cancelled, and all non-essential businesses close and/or enact work from home services. The orders take effect Saturday, March 21 at 9 p.m. The orders supersede all prior executed County and/or local restrictions.

Friday, March 20, 2020

Federal Update

Tax Filing Deadline Extended Until July 15, 2020. For specific information, visit www.irs.gov/newsroom/payment-deadline-extended-to-july-15-2020

SBA Approves New Jersey’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Declaration – Small businesses in New Jersey may apply for an EIDL online at disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/ or they can also reach out to their local SBA District Offices.

Thursday, March 19, 2020

State Update

Effective tonight at 8:00 p.m., Governor Murphy ordered the closure of all personal-care businesses and social clubs which cannot comply with social distancing guidelines until further notice. These include barber shops, hair salons, spas, nail and eyelash salons and tattoo parlors. For more information on the Governor's order, visit the Governor's Office website at www.state.nj.us/governor/

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

State Update

Effective 8:00 p.m. last evening, all indoor retail shopping malls, amusement parks, and amusement centers across New Jersey were closed. Workers whose place of employment has closed, or whose hours have been cut as a result of COVID-19 are, in all likelihood, eligible to receive either full or partial unemployment insurance. The Governor is asking the federal government for assistance in ensuring that every unemployment insurance application is properly received and handled.

- Nj.gov/labor
- cv.business.nj.gov
- www.MyUnemployment.nj.gov

In addition, the State's economic team is working alongside the U.S. Small Business Administration to ensure that available financial relief can flow into New Jersey as quickly and efficiently as possible. The State's Human Services Commissioner announced today that there are new amendments to the Child Care Subsidy Program. The revised program will help provide access to critical child care subsidies while eligible parents attend jobs. For details, please visit <https://bit.ly/2IVMjix>.

COVID-19 Resources	
NJ COVID-19 Information Hub:	https://covid19.nj.gov/
NJ SMS Message Updates	Text NJCOVID to 898-211
General Information	Dial 211 or 1-800-962-1253
	www.state.nj.us/governor/
	NJ Department of Health Website
	Federal Government COVID-19 Response
Official Website of the State of New Jersey	https://www.nj.gov/dcf/coronavirus/
Center for Disease Control and Prevention	https://www.cdc.gov/
Local Resources	
Township Website:	www.randolphnj.org
Township Facebook Page:	https://www.facebook.com/Township-of-Randolph-262954007100661/
Township EDC Facebook Page:	https://www.facebook.com/rtnjedc/
Township twitter:	Township of Randolph: @RandolphTwpNJ
Morris County Website:	www.morriscountynj.gov
Business/Economic Injury Resources	
Increasing outdoor dining gathering capacity.	https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-156.pdf
Resumption of indoor dining and indoor recreation at 25 percent capacity.	Executive Order No. 157
Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Application	forms.business.nj.gov/grant
Information for NJ businesses from NJ.gov:	https://bit.ly/2QHQ3Zo
Unemployment Applications and Information	www.MyUnemployment.nj.gov .
Guidance for businesses impacted by COVID-19	http://cv.business.nj.gov .

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development	nj.gov/labor
Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)	https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/
The NJ Jobs Portal	https://jobs.covid19.nj.gov https://jobs.covid19.nj.gov/intake .
New Jersey Economic Development Authority State Businesses and Workers Assistance	NJEDA Initiatives to Support Businesses COVID-19
U.S. Small Business Administration: Paycheck Protection Program	Paycheck Protection Program
U.S. Small Business Administration: Disaster and Emergency Loans/ Grants	Economic Injury Disaster Loans & Emergency Economic Injury Grants
U.S. Small Business Administration: SBA Express Bridge Loans	SBA Express Bridge Loans
U.S Small Business Administration: SBA Debt Relief	SBA Debt Relief
U.S Department of Treasury	www.home.treasury.gov
New Jersey Business & Industry Association	www.njbia.org/
New Jersey Restaurant & Hospitality Association	www.njrha.org/
Business/Economic Restoring and Recovery Resources	
Multi-Stage Approach to Execute a Responsible and Strategic Restart of New Jersey’s Economy	https://www.nj.gov/governor
NJ Restart and Recovery Advisory Council	https://nj.gov/governor/admin/recoverycouncil.shtml
Non-Essential Retail Businesses Reopening Guidance	Executive Order No. 142
Executive Order 181: Gym, Health Club, Water and Amusement Park Reopening Guidance	Executive Order No.181 NJDOH: Guidance for Health Clubs/Gyms/Fitness Centers
Road Back: Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health’ Plan – Reopening Stage 2	https://nj.gov/governor/news
NJ Return to Work guidance	Return to Work Guidelines FAQs for Employers General FAQs

US Dept. of Labor – OSHA Guidance	Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19 NJDOL - Updated Info for Businesses & Employers CDC Business & Workplace Prep
Morris County Economic Development Business and Prospective Employment Website	www.connecttomorris.com
Morris County Chamber of Commerce Reopening and Business Resources	https://www.morrischamber.org/reopening--business-resources.html
New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub Reopening Guidelines/FAQS by Industry	https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/reopening-guidance/what-businesses-are-open-what-rules-or-safety-guidelines-must-they-follow#direct-link
Morris-Sussex-Warren Workforce Development Board	www.mswwdb.org