



COVID-19: Summary of Governor's Executive Orders

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All NJ residents shall remain home unless they are:

- Obtaining goods or services from essential businesses
- Seeking medical attention
- Visiting family or close friends
- Reporting to or performing their job
- Engaging in outdoor activities (social distance permitting)
- Leaving home for an educational, religious, political reason
- Leaving home due to the direction of law enforcement or a government agency

The following businesses are essential and may remain open:

- *Grocery stores, farmers markets (those with more than 3 cash registers must reserve one checkout line for patrons over 65)*
- *Restaurants (all restaurant establishments, with or without a liquor or limited brewery license, are limited to offering delivery and/or take out-services ONLY)*
- Pharmacies and dispensaries
- Medical supply stores
- Retail functions of gas stations
- Convenience stores
- Ancillary stores within healthcare facilities
- Hardware and home improvement stores
- Retail functions of banks and other financial institutions
- Stores that sell supplies for children ages 5 and younger
- Pet stores
- Liquor stores
- Car dealerships for auto maintenance and repair services, and auto mechanics
- Retail functions of printing and office supply shops
- Educational institutions providing online-only learning options
- Mobile phone retail and repair shops

- Bicycle shops, but only to provide service and repair
- Livestock feed stores
- Nurseries and garden centers
- Farming equipment stores

On March 31, Governor Murphy and State Police Colonel Patrick Callahan, yesterday, enacted [Administrative Order 2020-06](#) amending which businesses are permitted to operate and clarifying ways in which some businesses may operate in accordance [with Executive Order No. 107](#) as follows:

- Individual appointments to view real estate with realtors by individuals or families shall be considered essential retail business. Open houses are still considered impermissible gatherings.
- Car dealers may continue to conduct online sales or remote sales that are consistent with current law. In the event of such a sale, the car may be delivered to the purchaser or the purchaser can pick up the car curbside or in the dealership service lane.
- In accordance with the guidance released by the federal Department of Homeland Security, effective Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at 8:00 a.m., firearms retailers are permitted to operate – by appointment only and during limited hours – to conduct business which, under law, must be done in person. The NICS background check system will be up and running to process firearms purchases.
- Golf courses are considered recreational and entertainment business that must close to the public and to members associated with private golf clubs.

In addition, the Governor also announced that the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (“ABC”) will be issuing guidance to allow microbreweries/brewpubs to provide home delivery to their customers. Home delivery had been prevented because of a ruling issued last May – ABC decided to relax that ruling today and allow for home delivery.

The following should function at a limited capacity:

Public transportation should be used only as a last resort.

Essential businesses that cannot work from home shall reduce staff on site to the minimal necessary number:

- Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters and First Responders
- Cashiers
- Construction, utility, landscapers and repair workers
- Warehouse workers
- Lab researchers and information technology maintenance workers
- Janitorial and custodial staff
- Necessary administrative staff

The following activities are prohibited:

- Parties, celebrations, or social events are canceled
- Non-essential retail businesses
- On-premise consumption of alcohol
- Casinos, racetracks
- Gyms, fitness centers
- Movie theaters, performing arts centers, concert venues
- Nightclubs, performing art centers
- Public libraries and computer labs
- Indoor retail shopping malls
- Amusement parks, zoos, children's play centers, bowling alleys
- Personal care services that inherently non-conform to social distancing (salons, spas, tattoo shops)
- Social clubs such as the VFW, American Legion **and other fraternal organizations**
- Public, private, and parochial preschools, elementary and secondary schools
- Governor Phil Murphy directed all child care centers to certify by Friday, March 27, that they will solely serve as emergency child care centers for the children of essential workers. Child care centers that do not certify that they can and will exclusively care for these children of essential workers must close by Wednesday, April 1.
- **Indoor arenas**

Parks & Playgrounds: Middletown Parks are OPEN

COVID-19: Social Distancing in Public Parks

Middletown Township encourages our residents and community to stay healthy which includes regular exercise. However, please follow these guidelines when using our parks:

- Do not use parks if you are experiencing symptoms.
- Follow CDC's guidelines on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks.
- Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains.
- Observe CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of 6' from other persons at all times.
- All Township and school playgrounds are closed.
- All field and court permits have been canceled – no organized or unorganized games, practices or trainings permitted.
- If you arrive at a park and another family is already using that space ensure that you continue to utilize social distancing.

As a reminder, all group gatherings of 10 or more people is prohibited. The MTPD continues to enforce that restriction, so please be responsible.

Schools:

All public and private schools are closed. The Middletown Township Public School District is currently closed until April 17th. Students who get free or reduced meals will continue to receive them to meet nutritional needs during closures.

There is also a MANDATORY curfew in place for those 18 and under from 8:00PM-5:00AM.

Credible Resources:

- The state has set up a new information website on COVID-19 as a go-to place for accurate information: <https://covid19.nj.gov/>
- [NJ Department of Health Novel Coronavirus Website](#)
- [CDC's 2019 Novel Coronavirus Website](#)
- [CDC: Share Facts About COVID-19, Stop the Spread of Rumors](#)
- 2019 Novel Coronavirus Public Call Center (NJPIES): 1-800-222-1222