

(March 21, 2020) — This afternoon, Governor Murphy signed an Executive Order stating clearly that the following supersedes all other orders issued by county or municipal officials.

To mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and protect the capacity of New Jersey's health care system for the state's most vulnerable, Governor Phil Murphy today signed Executive Order No. 107, **directing all residents to stay at home until further notice.**

***The Order continues existing bans*** on recreational and entertainment businesses, requirements that all restaurants operate by delivery and takeout only, and the directive that all pre-K, elementary, and secondary schools close and all institutions of higher education cease in-person instruction.

***It also directs the closure of all non-essential retail businesses to the public, with the exceptions of:***

- .Grocery stores, farmer's markets and farms that sell directly to customers, and other food stores, including retailers that offer a varied assortment of foods comparable to what exists at a grocery store;
- .Pharmacies and medical marijuana dispensaries;
- .Medical supply stores;

- . Gas stations;
- . Convenience stores;
- . Ancillary stores within healthcare facilities;
- . Hardware and home improvement stores;
- . Banks and other financial institutions;
- . Laundromats and dry-cleaning services;
- . Stores that principally sell supplies for children under five years;
- . Pet stores;
- . Liquor stores;
- . Car dealerships, but only for auto maintenance and repair, and auto mechanics;
  - Printing and office supply shops;
  - Mail and delivery stores.

Additionally, the order mandates that *all businesses or non-profits, wherever practicable, must accommodate their workforce for telework or work-from-home arrangements*. To the extent a business or non-profit has employees that cannot perform their functions via telework or work-from-home arrangements, the business or non-profit should make best efforts to reduce staff on site to the minimal number necessary to ensure that essential operations can continue.

*Examples of employees who need to be present at their work site in order to perform their job duties include, but are not limited to:*

- *law enforcement officers; fire fighters, other first responders;*
- *cashiers or store clerks;*
- *construction workers;*
- *utility workers;*
- *repair workers;*
- *warehouse workers;*
- *lab researchers;*
- *IT maintenance workers;*
- *janitorial and custodial staff, and*
- *certain administrative staff.*

***The Order provides that the following will not be limited:***

- the provision of health care or medical services;
- access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks;
- the operations of the media;
- law enforcement agencies, or
- the operations of the federal government.

***In effort to strengthen the existing social distancing measures in place, the order also prohibits all gatherings of individuals, such as parties, celebrations, or other social events, unless otherwise authorized by the Order.***

***Governor Murphy also signed Executive Order No. 108, which invalidates any county or municipal restriction that in any way will or might conflict with any of the provisions of Executive Order No. 107. This order also stipulates that municipalities or counties cannot :***

- make any additions to or deletions from the list of essential retail businesses;
- impose any additional limitations on businesses beyond the Governor's Order;
- impose any additional density or social distancing requirements; or
- impose any additional restrictions on freedom of movement.

However, it is permissible for municipalities and counties to continue to have the governance over municipal or county parks and to restrict online marketplaces for arranging or offering lodging.

Governor Murphy stated, “We know the virus spreads through person-to person contact, and the best way to prevent further exposure is to limit our public interactions

to only the most essential purposes. This is a time for us all to come together in one mission to ‘flatten the curve’ and slow – and eventually halt – the spread of coronavirus.”

This summary is in compliance with the Governor’s Order. See attached for the official version of both orders or visit <https://covid19.nj.gov>, which is the new website that the state has created to specifically deal with the pandemic.

The Borough is working to ensure our safety and well-being of our community. Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

The Mayor and Council

*Executive Order No. 107* [click here](#)

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