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Retired Public Employees Invited to Return to Work to Assist in Fight Against COVID-19

Pension status will not be impacted, says Governor

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ (April 6, 2020) – Governor Phil Murphy has broadened his attempt to recruit experienced help in battling the spread of COVID-19 in New Jersey.

As the State moves into a critical phase where the next few weeks will have immense impact on our approach to controlling further spread of the Coronavirus, the Governor has signed an Executive Order permitting retired public workers to get back on the job without compromising their pensions.

“Right now we need all the experienced help we can get,” stated Murphy on Monday during his daily update from Trenton. “Whether it be retired law enforcement officers returning to duty, or folks who can help staff the labor department’s unemployment insurance phone lines. And we need to remove any roadblocks that can keep them from service.”

According to the Executive Order, retirees may return to public employment in any capacity, including full-time, part-time or as Special Law Enforcement Officers, provided the retiree has retired before the date of the executive order, has completed at least a 30-day separation from their employment (dating from the date of retirement or the date of board approval, whichever is later); and the return to employment is necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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All of New Brunswick’s developments provide seamless access to major transportation lines and an extensive dining scene and an arts district, located in its bustling downtown. The City is focused not only on bringing in new residents and businesses, but also on improving the lives of every one of its residents.

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