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All,

See below and attached

Thanks,
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Good Evening (or morning): Hope everyone is staying safe.

- 1) Please see attached on public meeting guidance. There are also other attachments of reference.
- 2) Fufill is available to help families in financial need right now. If you know families in your school district that may be specifically going through a difficult time, please connect them with Fufill or with me and I'll be happy to navigate for

them. For any families who are going through a difficult time or expect to, please connect me to them as there are resources that can help. We also have programs and resources for restaurants, coffee shops etc.

3) We are working on a number of bills and legislation. I will send out a full report next week. The senate has an emergency meeting Thursday (today) to pass the below bills and many others. We are also working a big economic assistance program.

- NJ A3095 (20R): Provides county clerks with additional week to mail ballots for 2020 primary election;
- A3839: Makes supplemental appropriation of \$20 million from General Fund to DOE to support school facility cleaning and sanitization;
- A3840: Requires school districts to provide school meals or meal vouchers to students eligible for free and reduced price school meals during school closures due to Covid-19 epidemic;
- A3841: Extends time to file gross income tax or corporation business tax return by one month;
- A3843: Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing and treatment of the coronavirus disease 2019, and for telemedicine during the coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency;
- A3844: Concerns business interruption insurance during the coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency;
- A3846: Creates "Temporary Lost Wage Unemployment Program" to allow persons to claim for lost wages due to the coronavirus disease 2019;
- A3847: Provides paid leave without utilizing accumulated leave for local government employees under certain circumstances;
- A3848: Concerns time off from work in connection with infectious disease;
- A3849: Permits public agency to respond to request for government record within 21 calendar days during period of emergency or other exigency;
- A3850: Allows local government agencies to meet electronically during declared Public Health Emergency or State of Emergency;
- A3851: Extends deadlines for adoption of county and municipal budgets under certain circumstances;
- A3852: Allows conduct of state business and legislative sessions at locations other than Trenton during periods of emergency or other exigency, allows conduct of legislative business using electronic means;
- A3855: Requires food access information be displayed on websites of 2-1-1 system and executive branch departments during public health emergencies;
- A3859: Concerns prohibition of residential tenant eviction and eviction due to residential foreclosure during certain emergency circumstances;
- ACR165: Urges DHS to apply for federal waivers to facilitate and increase access to SNAP benefits during the coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak;
- AJR158: Urges FCC to take temporary measures to secure broadband access for those affected by Covid-19.

4) Please see below state updates

Human Services

The Department of Human Services sent to county and municipal welfare agencies guidance on enacting cautionary health and safety preventative measures in response to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), specifically as it relates to the temporary cessation of certain requirements for the Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) and New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (NJ SNAP). The guidance is attached.

Labor

In accordance with Chief Justice Rabner's COVID-19 Notices to the Bar, and in consultation with Workers' Compensation Executive Committee of the NJ Bar Association, Chief Judge of Compensation Russell Wojtenko, Jr. has closed Workers' Compensation courts to the public in a similar fashion as all NJ Municipal Courts and Landlord Tenant Courts.

While those courts are closed for two weeks, operationally it is more efficient and convenient for all attorneys, litigants and court staff to adjourn all WC matters for three weeks as workers' compensation courts routinely

operate in three week cycles. A three week adjournment in workers' compensation is a routine and frequent occurrence and will cause a minimal disruption to the WC system if any.

In addition, Emergent Motions for Medical and Temporary benefits will continue without interruption to the extent possible, including the use of telephonic and video technology. Filings will also continue to be accepted electronically through COURTS On-line.

Also NJDOL has updated it's page for guidance for employers. <https://www.nj.gov/labor/employer-services/business/covid.shtml>

And employees <https://www.nj.gov/labor/worker-protections/earnedsick/covid.shtml>

DEP

Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Catherine R. McCabe announced today that public may still access the State Parks, forests, recreation areas and Wildlife Management Areas, including roads, parking areas, trails, lakes and other open space areas for healthful passive recreation. However, campgrounds, visitor centers, nature centers, restrooms and similar facilities at state parks, forests, recreation areas, Wildlife Management Areas and historic sites are closed until further notice in order to protect public health and safety as the state works to address COVID-19.

MVC

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator Sue Fulton has announced that all New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission agency and road testing facilities will be closed effective immediately as a measure to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We anticipate re-opening in two weeks, on Monday, March 30, 2020. All driver licenses, non-driver IDs, vehicle registrations, and inspection stickers expiring before May 31 have been extended by two months. Most renewals, replacements, changes of address, and other transactions can be processed online at NJMVC.gov

OAG

Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal announced today that, in an effort to protect the public by limiting in-person contact that could result in the spread of COVID-19, multiple divisions within Department of Law and Public Safety are extending by at least 30 days the deadlines for renewing or resubmitting certain licenses. ABC is extending by 30 days any Minor Employment Permits set to expire in March. DCA houses 51 professional licensure boards, which collectively oversee approximately 720,000 active licensed professionals. The licenses issued by those boards have staggered renewal dates. The licensure actions announced today by Attorney General Grewal pertain only to licenses issued by the professional boards that require renewals or resubmission in the coming weeks. The State Athletic Control Board (SACB) is extending for 30 days all Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), Boxing and Kickboxing licenses including: Pro Boxer; Pro MMA Contestant; Amateur MMA Contestant; Pro Kickboxer; Amateur Kickboxer and Amateur Muay Thai Kickboxer

Effective immediately, DCA is extending by 60 days licenses for Home Improvement Contractor, Home Elevator Contractor, Respiratory Care Practitioner and Product Warrantor that are due for renewal during the March renewal period. Similarly, the following CDS licenses are being extended by 60 days: Analytical Lab; Clinic Narcotic Treatment Center; Dog Handler/Trainer; Animal Shelter; Manufacturer; Wholesale Distributor, and Research

Facility. DCA is extending by 30 days licenses for Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Professional Engineer & Land Surveyors, which are due for renewal during the April renewal period.

DCA

The Department of Community Affairs launched a screening tool to help people find out if they are eligible for NJ assistance programs.

<https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/en-US/>

Health

Since the establishment of the Hotline, the NJ Poison Control Center has received 8,623 calls. Yesterday alone, NJPIES received 669 calls.

Today, Governor Murphy, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, the New Jersey Department of Health, and the United Ways of New Jersey announced today that NJ 211 has been activated to help handle COVID-19 related calls from New Jersey residents. All residents with questions or concerns about COVID-19 and resources available to them can call 2-1-1. NJ 211 is New Jersey's statewide, comprehensive, information and referral service operated by United Ways of New Jersey.

Residents call also text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211.

These enhancements to 211 will supplement, rather than replace, the existing COVID-19 hotline, operated by the New Jersey Poison Control Center. State residents with questions about COVID-19 illness can continue to call the previously shared numbers for the COVID-19 hotline, but they can also call 211 to get answers about their COVID-19 questions.

Additionally, the Department of Health has a COVID-19 website with resources including CDC updates, guidance for schools, colleges, businesses, long-term care facilities, health care professionals and public health professionals. The website is available at <https://nj.gov/health/coronavirus>.

Human Services

The Department of Human Service's Division of Family Development will implement the following policies, effective immediately:

- Continue to pay child care providers for an extended period of time encouraged for those required to close by the health department, school district, or county executive related to COVID-19;
- Ensure providers commit to clean at the highest level of disinfection cleaning during this period of time;
- Waive parents/caregivers' child care subsidy co-payments for parents who request it due to impacts from COVID-19;

- Provide child care providers who remain open during this critical time a differential of \$100 per child each month above the state reimbursed rate for children enrolled in the child care subsidy program;
- Compensate providers who remain open even if children are absent due to COVID-19;
- Give extended time to working parents to submit verification of works hours for the initial application process;
- Extend recertification timelines for at least three months in order for child care services to remain open;
- Allow parents or caregivers to continue their child care subsidy if their hours are reduced or if they are laid off due to COVID-19; and
- Make grants available for child care providers who participate in the child care subsidy program, including family child care providers, to clean and sanitize their facility or home; or to purchase additional supplies or services necessary to keeping centers and homes safe and sanitary.

Please find attached a press release from the department providing more detail on the actions taken.

Treasury

In order to protect public health, the Department of the Treasury on Wednesday announced the limited closure of a number of its offices that serve walk-in clientele while divisions work to review and revise existing protocols. The offices are expected to be closed through at least March 31, with an anticipated reopening of April 1. Taxpayers, individuals, and businesses will still be able to access these services online, over the phone, or through the mail during these limited closures. Please see the attached press release for more details.

OAG

On Monday the Attorney General issued guidance to law enforcement on Executive Order 104. Please see attached.

Senator Vin Gopal
Majority Conference Leader
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Given the recent attention to the potential impacts of coronavirus, the Division issues this notice as a general precaution and to remind local units of options available to ensure the continued regular operation of government.

The Division of Local Government Services reminds local units that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq., (the “Open Public Meetings Act,” or “Act”), public meetings may be held in person or by means of communication equipment, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), to include streaming services and other online meeting platforms. All meetings, including those held using communications equipment, must be noticed in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Act, unless the meeting is for emergent circumstances and held in a manner consistent with the requirements set forth at N.J.S.A. 10:4-9(b). Local units should also provide guidance to the public for remotely accessing and providing comment at a meeting. Local units should still have an advertised meeting place, which, is connected to the meeting through communications equipment, unless otherwise directed by state or local emergency management or health officials, consistent with Executive Order 103 (Murphy 3/9/2020).

This mechanism has been used by local governments during weather events and other circumstances that render in-person meetings less than optimal.

Local units are reminded that they are required to provide a means of public comment even if a meeting is held remotely. Further, if a local unit currently records the audio or video of its meetings, we recommend that it continue to record a remote meeting.

Local units holding meetings remotely are advised to avoid entering executive or closed session unless the topic of concern is urgent, directly affects the health, safety, or welfare of residents, and is an allowed exception as listed in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, given the difficulty of ensuring only appropriate individuals are on the line during a separate session. If an executive or closed session is necessary, local units must use a mechanism that ensures the confidentiality of closed

session. To this end, after announcing the executive or closed session at the public portion of the meeting consistent with the Act, a local unit may consider using a separate, non-public, dial-in mechanism for the executive or closed portion of the meeting.

In preparation for upcoming community events and meetings of public bodies, local units are encouraged to coordinate with legal counsel and local offices of emergency management to ensure continued compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 and other statutory obligations.



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DATE: March 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Guidance During COVID-19 Pandemic

These are challenging times. As law enforcement agencies all confront this pandemic together, we have two goals: to protect the safety of the public and the safety of our officers. While we cannot meet these goals through "social distancing" like many other professions, there are certainly steps we can (and must) take to ensure we are fulfilling our duties as safely and effectively as possible. This guidance lays out the best practices on how to do so and answers some questions that we have already received from law enforcement on how to meet the challenges of this difficult moment.

Keeping Officers Safe

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has provided a list of important best practices for keeping officers safe during this difficult period. First, when it comes to protecting from exposure to COVID-19, the CDC instructs officers to do the following:

- Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others whenever possible.
- Practice proper hand hygiene. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available and illicit drugs are NOT suspected to be present, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Do not touch your face with unwashed hands.
- Have a trained Emergency Medical Service/Emergency Medical Technician (EMS/EMT) assess and transport any arrestee you think might have COVID-19 to a healthcare facility.
- Ensure only trained personnel wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) have contact with individuals who have or may have COVID-19.



The CDC also recommends the use of PPE when possible, and we know a number of agencies are seeking to expand their supply of PPE. As Governor Murphy announced on Friday, the federal government has sent a significant number of additional supplies to New Jersey, but the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) will be requesting more PPE supplies—in consultation with each county emergency management coordinator. Under state law, including Executive Order 103 (which declared both a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in New Jersey), requests for additional PPE and decisions about how to allocate the PPE we already have are made by each county's emergency management coordinator in consultation with NJOEM. Please contact your emergency management coordinator directly if you have any questions or requests for additional PPE.

The CDC also provides guidance to officers who come into close contact with another individual, including during an arrest:

- Clean and disinfect duty belt and gear prior to reuse using a household cleaning spray or wipe, according to the product label.
- Follow standard operating procedures for the containment and disposal of used PPE.
- Follow standard operating procedures for containing and laundering clothes. In particular, avoid shaking the clothes.

While each law enforcement agency needs flexibility to respond to the precise circumstances you are all facing, I urge everyone to adhere to the CDC's helpful guidelines, which you can find here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/guidance-law-enforcement.pdf>.

At the Department of Law and Public Safety, we have incorporated these best practices and ordered that our divisions may no longer hold in-person meetings and must instead use teleconference and videoconference capabilities whenever possible. We have also taken other steps to limit in-person interactions, including suspending work-related travel and external meetings. A copy of our announcement is enclosed for your review (as Ex. A). To the extent possible and practical, we recommend that all law enforcement agencies implement a similar approach, understanding, of course, that roll-call and other essential briefings will still be required. Even then, however, we encourage following the best practices outlined above.

Addressing Manpower Challenges

Our work as law enforcement officers is more important than ever. So if a law enforcement agency faces manpower challenges because one or more of its officers contract COVID-19 or are subject to quarantine, that agency has at least two options: expanded use of Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEOs), and reliance on mutual aid agreements.

First, agencies can turn to certain SLEOs for support. Under current law, agencies can rely on SLEO IIs to perform all law enforcement duties, which remains an available force multiplier. The statutory limitation on hours of work for SLEO IIs is inapplicable during periods of emergency. And while SLEO IIIs are limited by statute to performing duties on school or college grounds, a municipality or county has the ability to re-designate a SLEO III as a SLEO II, subject to approval by the PTC. Where a municipality or county does so, and where that officer has previously completed the Basic Course for

Police Officers, the New Jersey State Police Academy, or the SLEO III waiver course, the PTC will expedite such requests and has prepared a modified PTC-15 form—attached to this guidance as Ex. B—to facilitate that process. That waiver would extend for the duration of the Public Health Emergency. The converted SLEO III may not be used to offset regular overtime situations, of course, and should be used to address only staff shortage and mandatory overtime situations. There are almost 400 eligible SLEO IIIs, and the PTC will be issuing a list of those individuals this week.

Second, law enforcement agencies can look to existing mutual aid agreements with your county and municipal law enforcement partners. The appropriate time to seek aid from a municipal or county partner will necessarily depend on the precise circumstances your agency—and other agencies—are facing. Each agency should consult with your municipal or county emergency management coordinator when seeking mutual aid. Pursuant to Executive Order 103, your agency may only obtain mutual aid from a noncontiguous municipality upon the direction of your county emergency management coordinator (or his or her deputies), in consultation with NJOEM and the Department of Health.

Detaining Individuals Presenting Symptoms of COVID-19

A number of law enforcement agencies have requested guidance about detaining and housing arrestees who are presenting symptoms of COVID-19. We have contacted the Department of Corrections (DOC) and Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) for guidance and will share that with you as soon as it becomes available. In the meantime, law enforcement agencies should rely on their existing protocols for detaining and housing arrestees who present symptoms of communicable diseases, and should consult with local hospitals and health care facilities about options for the secure detention of arrestees inside those facilities.

Additional Information for Law Enforcement

Charging Decisions: The COVID-19 pandemic is creating significant challenges for New Jersey's court system and our county correctional facilities. While public safety must always be our primary concern, law enforcement is in a position to temporarily reduce the stress on the courts and county jails as we make charging decisions in individual cases. First, law enforcement officers and prosecutors should consider delaying the filing of criminal charges in cases, such as certain fraud cases, that do not imminently impact public safety. Second, relying on the framework already established by Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive 2016-6 v3.0, prosecutors and law enforcement officers should consider the issues created by the COVID-19 pandemic as a factor weighing in favor of a decision to seek a complaint-summons and against a decision to seek a complaint-warrant. While our short-term goal is to reduce the impact on the courts and the county correctional facilities created by additional defendants, I want to be absolutely clear that public safety and victim safety are always the most important factors to be considered in any charging decision.

Enforcement of COVID-Related Violations: Today, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 104, which, among other things: limits social gatherings to 50 people or less, in accordance with CDC and NJ Department of Health guidance; directs all public and private schools to close no later than Wednesday, March 18; directs all casino gaming facilities, race tracks, and certain other entertainment centers to close beginning 8 p.m. today; directs all non-essential retail, recreational, and entertainment businesses to cease nightly operations beginning 8 p.m. today; and directs all restaurants, with or without a liquor license, to only offer take-out and delivery services. In light of these orders, we anticipate that

many enforcement-related questions will arise. I have directed each County Prosecutor and the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) to identify on-call Assistant Prosecutors and Deputy Attorneys General to be available 24/7 to pre-approve and provide guidance for any such charging decisions. County Prosecutors and DCJ will be providing this information to the law enforcement agencies in their jurisdictions. This letter relates only to violations of Executive Order 104, and does not extend to the violations of any COVID-related county or local orders.

At the same time, Executive Order 104 makes clear that our essential businesses—including grocery/food stores, pharmacies, medical supply stores, gas stations, and healthcare facilities—will be more important than ever. Because our law enforcement officers may not enforce any local ordinance that will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the Executive Order’s goals, during the pendency of this Public Health Emergency, law enforcement officers must exercise their discretion to *not* enforce local ordinances that limit the hours during which those companies may receive deliveries, as well as to *not* enforce any other local ordinances (such as noise ordinances) in ways that would inhibit transportation companies from timely and effectively delivering food, medicine, and medical supplies to these essential businesses.

Temporary Restraining Orders and Temporary Extreme Risk Protective Orders: Notwithstanding any court closures, our law enforcement officers will continue taking all necessary steps to protect the public from harm, including in emergent situations. On any day where the court is closed, officers should handle all TRO and TERPO applications as they do on holidays, nights, and weekends. As always, courts are prepared to review and resolve these applications.

Title 39 Violations: When it comes to the enforcement of our motor vehicle laws, officers should be aware that the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission has granted an automatic two-month extension for driver licenses, registrations, and inspection stickers expiring in March, April, and May. As a result, a driver with a license that expires in March, April, or May can continue driving without violating Title 39 until that two-month period has passed. You can find more information about that extension here: <https://www.nj.gov/mvc/press/archives/2020/031320.htm>.

OPRA: Several agencies have raised concerns about their ability to fulfill non-emergency duties at this time, in particular the time required for addressing especially extensive OPRA requests. While we cannot counsel you on your responses to individual requests, OPRA allows agencies to seek “reasonable” extensions to fulfill OPRA requests. Although each case is fact dependent and turns on the particular challenges an agency is facing (as well as the nature of the OPRA request), the State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency are obviously two important circumstances demonstrating an agency’s need for extensions, and we anticipate courts will take them into account. OPRA further provides that if a request would substantially disrupt agency operations, the custodian may deny access after attempting to reach a reasonable solution with the requestor that accommodates the interests of the requestor and the agency.

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New Jersey has some of the best law enforcement leaders and officers in the country, and I know that together we will rise to this unprecedented challenge. While this letter offers guidance on how to keep officers safe and how to continue fulfilling our core mission of public safety, we know that other questions will arise. Please raise questions and concerns with your county’s emergency management

coordinator and with DCJ—our DCJ team is available at covid19LE@njoag.gov—and we will provide additional advice as quickly as possible.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 104

WHEREAS, through Executive Order No. 102, which I signed on February 3, 2020, I created the State's Coronavirus Task Force, chaired by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health ("DOH"), in order to coordinate the State's efforts to appropriately prepare for and respond to the public health hazard posed by Coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, in light of the dangers posed by COVID-19, I issued Executive Order No. 103 (2020) on March 9, 2020, the facts and circumstances of which are adopted by reference herein, which declared both a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserved the right to utilize and employ all available resources of State government to protect against the emergency created by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, I declared that, due to the State of Emergency, no municipality, county, or any agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of my Executive Orders, or which will in any way interfere with or impede their achievement; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, COVID-19 was declared to be a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency pursuant to his constitutional and statutory powers, including those granted by Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.) and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5); and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States also determined on March 13, 2020, that the COVID-19 pandemic was of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency determination under Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121-5207; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), there were more than 130,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide, with over 6,500 of those cases having resulted in death; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, there were more than 4,900 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, with 67 of those cases having resulted in death; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, there were 178 positive cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, spread across numerous counties; and

WHEREAS, social mitigation strategies for combatting COVID-19 requires every effort to reduce the rate of community spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, the CDC recommends that for the next eight weeks, gatherings of 50 or more people be canceled or postponed throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, public and private preschool programs, elementary and secondary schools, and institutions of higher education are locations where significant numbers of students, educators, and support staff gather, often in close proximity in classrooms, hallways, cafeterias, and gymnasiums; and

WHEREAS, suspending in-person preschool programs, K-12 education, and in-person instruction at institutions of higher education are part of the State's mitigation strategy to combat COVID-19 and reduce the rate of community spread; and

WHEREAS, my Administration is committed to ensuring that all students will continue to have access to a quality education, in addition to school meals that are provided or subsidized for students from low-income families; and

WHEREAS, casinos, racetracks, gyms, fitness centers, movie theaters, performing arts centers, other concert venues, nightclubs, and other entertainment centers, which are vital to the economic health of the State, are also locations where large numbers of individuals gather in close proximity; and

WHEREAS, many individuals also come into contact with common surfaces at gyms, fitness centers, and other entertainment centers; and

WHEREAS, suspending operations at these businesses is part of the State's mitigation strategy to combat COVID-19 and reduce the rate of community spread; and

WHEREAS, even on casino floors, where slot machines or other casino games may be several feet apart, many individuals come into contact with common surfaces; and

WHEREAS, in contrast to gaming at brick-and-mortar facilities, online gaming provides a safe mode of entertainment during a time when physical proximity to other individuals can be dangerous; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has advised that COVID-19 spreads most frequently through person-to-person contact when individuals are within six feet or less of one another; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the CDC has recommended that individuals practice "social distancing" to prevent community spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has defined social distancing as the practice of "remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet or 2 meters) from others when possible"; and

WHEREAS, bars and restaurants are locations where significant numbers of individuals gather in close proximity, making adherence to social distancing protocols impossible or impracticable; and

WHEREAS, to mitigate community spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to limit the unnecessary movement of individuals in and around their communities and person-to-person interactions in accordance with CDC and DOH guidance; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Dr. Anthony Fauci, called for "a dramatic diminution of the personal interaction that we see in restaurants and in bars," and recommended pursuing "[w]hatever it takes to do that"; and

WHEREAS, the provision of take-out and delivery services do not pose the same danger of widespread person-to-person contact while still preserving necessary food delivery services for New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, narrowing scope of service or hours of operation for restaurants and certain retail establishments permits individuals to access food, clothing, and other essential materials while also limiting unnecessary person-to-person contact; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to ensure that law enforcement resources, particularly those that might otherwise be required to respond to late-night incidents, not be unnecessarily diverted from responding to COVID-19 related issues and maintaining public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. App. A: 9-33 et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers, which I have invoked;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. All gatherings of persons in the State of New Jersey shall be limited to 50 persons or fewer, excluding normal operations at airports, bus and train stations, medical facilities, office environments, factories, assemblages for the purpose of industrial or manufacturing work, construction sites, mass transit, or the purchase of groceries or consumer goods.

2. All public, private, and parochial preschool program premises, and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools, shall be closed to students beginning on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, and shall remain closed as long as this Order remains in effect.

3. All institutions of higher education shall cease in-person instruction beginning on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, and shall cease such in-person instruction as long as this Order remains in effect. The Secretary of the Office of Higher Education shall have the authority to grant a waiver to allow in-person instruction to students on a case-by-case basis where a compelling rationale to allow such access exists. The Secretary of the Office of Higher Education shall coordinate with institutions of higher education to determine appropriate student housing conditions for those students who reside in on-campus housing as their primary residence.

4. The Commissioner of the Department of Education ("DOE"), in consultation with the Commissioner of DOH, shall be authorized to permit schools to remain open on a limited basis for the provision of food or other essential, non-educational services, or for educational or child care services if needed in emergency situations after consultation with the Commissioner of DOH. The Commissioner of DOE shall also have the authority to close any other career or

training facilities over which he has oversight, after consultation with the Commissioner of DOH.

5. The Commissioner of DOE shall continue working with each public school district, and private and parochial schools as appropriate, to ensure that students are able to continue their educations during this time period through appropriate home instruction. Local school districts, charter schools, and renaissance schools, in consultation with the Commissioner of DOE, shall have the authority and discretion to determine home instruction arrangements as appropriate on a case-by-case basis to ensure all students are provided with appropriate home instruction, taking into account all relevant constitutional and statutory obligations.

6. The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with the Commissioner of DOE, shall take all necessary actions to ensure that all students eligible for free or reduced meals shall continue to receive the services or supports necessary to meet nutritional needs during closures.

7. The following facilities are ordered closed to members of the public, effective 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020. These facilities are to remain closed to the public for as long as this Order remains in effect. The State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, shall have the discretion to make additions, amendments, clarifications, exceptions, and exclusions to this list:

- a. Casino gaming floors, including retail sports wagering lounges, and casino concert and entertainment venues. Online and mobile sports and casino gaming services may continue to be offered notwithstanding the closure of the physical facility.
- b. Racetracks, including stabling facilities and retail sports wagering lounges. Mobile sports wagering

services may continue to be offered notwithstanding the closure of the physical facility.

c. Gyms and fitness centers and classes.

d. Entertainment centers, including but not limited to, movie theaters, performing arts centers, other concert venues, and nightclubs.

8. Other non-essential retail, recreational, and entertainment businesses must cease daily operations from 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.. From 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., these businesses may remain open if they limit their occupancy to no more than 50 persons and adhere to social distancing guidelines. Examples of essential businesses excluded from this directive include: grocery/food stores, pharmacies, medical supply stores, gas stations, healthcare facilities and ancillary stores within healthcare facilities. The State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, shall have the discretion to make additions, amendments, clarifications, exceptions, and exclusions to the list of essential businesses and to the timelines applicable to operating hours.

9. All restaurants, dining establishments, and food courts, with or without a liquor license, all bars, and all other holders of a liquor license with retail consumption privileges, are permitted to operate their normal business hours, but are limited to offering only food delivery and/or take-out services. If alcoholic beverages are to be sold from a restaurant, dining establishment or bar with a liquor license, such sales shall be limited to original containers sold from the principal public barroom. All retail sales of alcoholic beverages by limited brewery licensees, restricted brewery licensees, plenary and farm winery licensees (and associated salesrooms), craft distillery licensees and cidery and meadery licensees must be in original containers and must be delivered by licensed entities and/or by customer pick up.

10. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as supplemented and amended, the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, through the police agencies under his control, to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

11. The Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, shall act through the Superintendent of State Police, to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, to prevent ingress or egress, and to determine the type of vehicle or vehicles to be operated on such roadways. I further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Attorney General or Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

12. No municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Executive Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede its achievement.

13. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any

nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully in all matters concerning this Executive Order.

14. Penalties for violations of this Executive Order may be imposed under, among other statutes, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-49 and -50.

15. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until revoked or modified by the Governor, who shall consult with the Commissioner of DOH as appropriate.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
16th day of March,
Two Thousand and Twenty, and of
the Independence of the United
States, the Two Hundred and
Forty-Fourth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Matthew J. Platkin

Chief Counsel to the Governor



TREASURY NEWS RELEASE

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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To Protect Public Health, Treasury Announces Limited Closure of Various Offices Serving Walk-In Clientele

Assistance can still be obtained online or via phone for Taxation, Pensions & Benefits, business applications and various certification services that are impacted

(TREASURY) – In order to protect public health, the Department of the Treasury on Wednesday announced the limited closure of a number of its offices that serve walk-in clientele while divisions work to review and revise existing protocols.

The offices are expected to be closed through at least March 31, with an anticipated reopening of April 1. Taxpayers, individuals, and businesses will still be able to access these services online, over the phone, or through the mail during these limited closures.

Updates and announcements on re-openings will be posted on Treasury's homepage, Facebook, and Twitter, as well as each division's sites.

The following Treasury offices will be temporarily closed to walk-ins, but can still be accessed through alternative methods:

DIVISION OF TAXATION

The Division of Taxation's seven regional information centers (RICs), including its Trenton walk-in office, are closed to the public as a precautionary measure through at least March 31. Taxpayers are encouraged to use the following avenues as alternatives for the time being:

- Anyone who typically drops off tax forms, correspondence, or payments, is asked to mail the documents to the address printed on the form, notice, or voucher.
- Visit Taxation's webpage for information on payment, filing, forms, publications, license renewals, and answers to Frequently Asked Questions.
- Taxation's call center remains open for general tax assistance at: 609-292-6400.
- For questions regarding the Senior Freeze property tax reimbursement, call: 1-800-882-6597.
- For questions regarding Homestead Benefit programs please call: 1-888-238-1233.

The division will also post updates and announce re-openings on its webpage, as well as on Facebook and Twitter, as information becomes available.

DIVISION OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

The Division of Pensions and Benefits' Office of Client Service is suspending all reception desk services and in-person counseling as a precautionary measure through at least March 31. Members who have scheduled interviews will be contacted directly and offered alternative counseling arrangements. All other members are encouraged to use the following avenues as alternatives for the time being:

- Visiting the Division of Pensions and Benefits [website](#);
- Contacting the division's call center at: (609) 292-7524; or
- Emailing the division through its [online portal](#).

The division will also post updates and announce re-openings on its [webpage](#), as well as on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), as information becomes available.

DIVISION OF REVENUE AND ENTERPRISE SERVICES

All walk-in service at the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Service's Trenton office will be closed to the public as a precautionary measure through at least March 31. Individuals and business representatives are encouraged to use the following avenues as alternatives for the time being:

- General inquiries can be directed to the division's online [e-mail portal](#).
- Inquiries can also be directed to the division's Customer Service Center at: (609) 292-9292.
- Many services, including but not limited to business filings, uniform certification applications, apostille certifications, notary public applications, and some records requests, are available [online](#).
- Filings and records requests submissions can be done through the secure drop box at the division's Trenton office, located at 33 W State St, Trenton, 5th floor.
- Anyone who relies on paper processing services should send work orders to the division at the mail-in addresses listed on the paper forms or their corresponding instructions.
- Visit the division's [website](#) for a full list of options.





NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES



NJ Human Services Works to Protect & Help Maintain Continued Benefits for Residents Amid COVID-19 Outbreak

***Actions Address Child care, Seniors, Homeless, Medicaid, Mental
Health, Substance Use Disorder and Disability Services***

March 18, 2020

(TRENTON) – To protect the health and safety of the individuals we serve and help maintain vital social service benefits continue to do so, New Jersey Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson today outlined steps the Department has taken to assist and protect those we serve amid the ongoing work to contain COVID-19.

“During these challenging times, Human Services is committed to continuing to protect and care for those across the state who depend on our critical services,” Commissioner Johnson said. “Human service providers are first responders in this crisis and the health and safety of those we and our community partners serve is our top priority. We’ve taken steps to offer assistance to child care providers so that they can remain open and continue to provide care; to make it easier for Medicaid beneficiaries to refill their prescriptions early and stock a 90-day supply of their maintenance medications; to protect older residents and individuals with developmental disabilities by moving swiftly to end congregate activities; and to create opportunities to help New Jerseyans receiving opioid use disorder treatment retain access to care. We’re going to continuously review our policies and services as the situation evolves and take all available action to protect our most vulnerable residents.”

Actions taken by the Department of Human Services include:

Supporting Individuals and Families with Children:

Child Care

- Waiving parent co-pays in state's child care subsidy for parents who request it due to impacts from COVID-19;
- Providing an additional \$100 per child per month to child care providers for children in the State child care subsidy program to help child care centers remain open during this critical time to support working parents, emergency and essential personnel; and
- Making grant funding available to child care centers to support cleaning supplies or services.

Cash, Shelter and Food Assistance

- Automatically extending for 60 days WorkFirst New Jersey cash assistance to individuals whose case is up for renewal in March or April;
- Extending all Emergency Assistance cases through April 30;
- Deeming the current state of emergency as a good cause exemption for the work requirements in WorkFirst New Jersey and SNAP and suspending all adverse actions for non-compliance;
- Convening New Jersey food banks and community pantries to focus on preparedness planning and distribution; and
- Working with homeless shelters to address cleaning and self-isolation policies.

NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

- Covering COVID-19 testing, visits for testing, and testing-related services at no cost;
- Waiving costs for COVID-19 testing, visits for testing, and testing-related services in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP);
- Covering 90-day supplies of prescriptions for maintenance medications and early refills of prescriptions in Medicaid and CHIP; and
- Directing hospitals to waive cost sharing for uninsured individuals who are eligible for charity care for medically necessary testing and testing-related services for the COVID-19 virus.

Supporting Older Residents

- Mobilizing nurse care managers at Medicaid health plans to call high risk populations to identify and address their critical needs including supplies such as durable medical equipment and food;
- Allowing older residents receiving prescription drugs through Medicaid or the state prescription drug assistance program (PAAD and Senior Gold) to refill their prescriptions early and receive 90-day supplies of maintenance medications;
- Working with our county partners to ensure that those receiving home-delivered meals continue to have access to food;
- Partnering with counties to end congregate dining in senior centers while helping to ensure that participants continue to have access to food;
- Working with counties to support telephone outreach to seniors known to be socially isolated;
- Encouraging health care providers to use telehealth for routine visits, as appropriate;
- Working closely with community and institutional providers to ensure resident needs are met; and
- Conducting telephonic outreach for our most vulnerable residents seeking enrollment in social service benefits.

Supporting Individuals with Disabilities:

- Temporarily closing congregate day programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and supporting this transition;
- Providing flexibility to families to quickly hire workers and working closely with program providers and direct support professionals during the closure;
- Releasing guidance for community providers of services to the developmentally disabled on COVID-19 preparedness;
- Keeping residents who are deaf or hard of hearing informed through American Sign Language videos, interpreters at State emergency response press conferences, and other activities; and

- Conducting outreach to clients who depend on our Personal Assistance Service Program for individuals with physical disabilities and our Traumatic Brain Injury Fund to ensure needs are being met.

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services:

- Issue guidance to Opioid Treatment Programs, which provide essential medication such as methadone or buprenorphine to individuals with an opioid use disorder, on ensuring the safe provision of medication including take-home medication;
- Releasing guidance mental health and substance use disorder providers on preparedness and response, including ensuring continued access to services for individuals in need of services; and
- Working closely with community providers to identify and ensure needs are met.

Follow the Department of Human Services at:



Patti Fox

From: Trina Lindsey
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Kathleen Capristo; Trina Lindsey
Subject: FW: Coronavirus
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All,

Please see below sent from Senator Vin Gopal.

Thank you,
Trina

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From: Vin Gopal <vin@vingopal.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Gingerelli, Antoinette <agingerelli@njleg.org>; ddavis@njleg.org
Subject: Coronavirus

As you all know, this virus is very serious. We had our first death in Monmouth and others in critical condition. I am in constant communication with our hospital heads and I am very concerned that the next week will get worse. The strength of a specific strand of this virus is very concerning and very contagious.

Please see the attached statement on curfews put out by the City of Asbury Park. I would strongly urge other towns to follow the outstanding leadership that Asbury Park just took. We must stop community spread.

If anyone has any questions, please e-mail or call me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patti Fox

From: Vin Gopal <vin@vingopal.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 9:56 PM
To: Michael Viola;jpbartolomeo@coltsneck.org;frizzuto@colts-neck.nj.us;rmacnow@colts-neck.nj.us;torgo@colts-neck.nj.us
Subject: Municipal Aid

Hope this e-mail find you well. You should be hearing details if you haven't already from DOT, you are receiving \$290,000 from their local aid program for Bucks Mill Road Phase 2.

Thank you

Vin

Senator Vin Gopal
Majority Conference Leader
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