

Tuesday, June 9, 2020: COVID-19 UPDATE

Good afternoon,

Governor Murphy announced today that the **"Stay-at-Home" order that has been in place since March 21 is now lifted**. Additionally, effective immediately, **indoor gatherings** (excluding indoor dining and indoor theaters) **will be permitted** at whichever number is lower: **25% of a building's capacity or 50 people total**. Indoor gatherings require the use of face coverings and social distancing measures, according to the governor's orders.

The governor also today announced that effective immediately, **the limit on outdoor gatherings is raised from 25 to 100 people**. The Murphy administration anticipates increasing limits on outdoor gathering to the following: **250 people on June 22 and 500 people on July 3**. This will allow for graduations to take place across the state on July 6, as previously reported.

Additionally, Murphy today announced that **all outdoor recreational and entertainment businesses to reopen** except for the following: amusement parks, water parks, children's playgrounds and arcades. This order also does not include the opening of sports stadiums, according to the governor.

The Murphy administration today announced the following specific guidance on the opening of **outdoor pools across the state on June 22**: pools must reduce capacity to 50% minimum. Staff and patrons must socially distance from one another while in the pool and when not in the pool. Face coverings should be used when not in the water.

Guidance on the lifting of the state's COVID-19 limits can be found in the governor's signed executive orders, when made public, [here](#).

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) has begun accepting applications for an additional **\$45 million in small business grants**, reported the governor today, which is made possible through The CARES Act. The NJEDA is also expanding its micro-business loan program to provide **loans up to \$50,000 to small businesses**. Both of these programs are critical in New Jersey's Stage II recovery planning, said Murphy.

The Governor anticipates upcoming guidance to be **made available soon on indoor dining**.

Best,
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