



Updated as of Saturday, March 21, 2020 - 9pm. Will be updated frequently.

Questions on Covid-19 - Call 2-1-1

Text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive text info and stay informed.

www.patersonnj.gov/covid19

IS THERE A CURFEW?

On Saturday, 3/21/2020, Governor Phil Murphy directed all residents to stay at home until further notice. Exceptions include obtaining essential goods or services, seeking medical attention, visiting family or close friends, reporting to work, or engaging in outdoor activities

CAN RESTAURANTS SERVE PEOPLE INSIDE?

No, restaurants are limited to take-out, delivery, or drive-through services. Please use Paterson Plus and the "Coronavirus" category to report restaurants and other businesses who are operating outside of the Governor's order.

WHAT RETAIL BUSINESSES ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL?

- Restaurants (take-out, delivery, drive-through)
- Grocery stores/farmer's markets/bodegas
- Pharmacies/medical marijuana dispensaries
- Medical supply stores
- Gas stations
- Convenience stores
- Ancillary stores within healthcare facilities
- Hardware and home improvement stores
- Banks/check cashing services
- Laundromats/dry cleaning
- 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
- Delivery of supplies for essential businesses

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES?

- Bars/nightclubs that do not serve food
- Go-Go bars
- Movie theaters and shopping malls
- Gyms and fitness centers
- Barber shops, beauty salons, nail salons
- Clothing and other retail
- Book stores
- Massage parlors
- Smoke shops
- Shoe repair

ARE THERE OTHER LIMITATIONS?

- Yes, there are to be no congregational services at houses of worship
- Playgrounds and fields are closed; no group gatherings but biking, walking, running, and enjoying parks while practicing safe social distancing is allowed.

WITH THE SCHOOLS CLOSED, ARE THERE FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITES?

Breakfast and lunch is being provided from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Distribution sites are being updated frequently and can be found at www.paterson.k12.nj.us

WILL THERE BE WIDESPREAD COVID-19 TESTING?

The City of Paterson, in conjunction with Passaic County, is close to implementing mobile testing. Until then, if you exhibit symptoms such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath, call your physician or use telemedicine. If you do not have a doctor, call an urgent care center first, keeping hospital emergency rooms as a last resort.

WILL THERE BE SUPPORT FOR THOSE AFFECTED FINANCIALLY?

Disaster loans from SBA - SBA.gov/disaster
Unemployment benefits - nj.gov/labor

The Mayor has also created a "Small Business Task Force" to advocate for all available resources for Paterson residents and business owners. This group will share information as we receive it in the coming days.

UPDATES BY MAYOR ANDRE SAYEGH

The Governor has prohibited all gatherings of individuals, such as groups in public, parties, celebrations, or other social gatherings and events to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The Paterson Police Department will enforce this Executive Order and fines and penalties will be assessed upon individuals and business that do not comply.

Mayor Sayegh encourages all residents to follow the City of Paterson on Facebook and Twitter, to download "Paterson Plus" in your app store for regular updates, and to check out the City's special webpage for the most up-to-date information.

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Watch Mayor Sayegh updates daily at 5pm.

- YouTube - City of Paterson NJ
- Cablevision - Channel 77
- Verizon Fios - Channel 32