

COVID-19 Newsletter

City of Atlantic City



Gov. Murphy's New Announcements

June 28, 2020

This week, Governor Phil Murphy continued to announce businesses and activities that are authorized to resume as New Jersey entered Stage 2 on June 15.

STAGE 2:

Phased-in businesses and activities, with adherence to safeguarding and modification guidelines, include:

Effective immediately-

- Hair salons and barber shops;
- Day and medical spas;
- Electrology facilities;
- Massage and tanning parlors;
- Nail and tanning salons;
- Pools;

- Organized sports; and
- All outdoor recreational and entertainment businesses that were previously closed – with the exceptions of amusement parks, water parks, arcades, and playgrounds.

Beginning on June 29-

- Indoor portions of retail shopping malls at 50% capacity.

Beginning on July 2-

- Casinos may reopen at 25% capacity;
- Indoor dining may resume at 25% capacity;
- Outdoor amusement and water parks may reopen at 50% capacity;

- Playgrounds may reopen;
- Museums, aquariums, libraries, and indoor recreation facilities – including indoor bowling alleys, batting cages, shooting ranges, and the arcades along our boardwalks may reopen at 25% capacity.

Beginning on July 6-

- Youth summer camps;
- Camps must submit the Youth Camp Attestation Form to the Department of Health.
- NJ Transit rail and light rail service will return to full weekday schedules.

AtlantiCare Summer Meals Program

AtlantiCare has announced a free Summer Meals program for children and teens. The program will run each Tuesday and Thursday through the end of August and begins on Tuesday, June 30. Meals will be distributed at the AtlantiCare HealthPlex (1401 Atlantic Avenue)

from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. There is no identification required. Meals will be distributed at lunch time and not eaten on site. Please wear a protective mask and follow social distancing guidelines. Families must register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020meals> or call 1-888-569-1000.



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AtlantiCare Midtown Revitalization Plan

AtlantiCare announced that it has received funding from the Wells Fargo Regional Foundation to develop a community-driven neighborhood revitalization plan for the Midtown neighborhood of Atlantic City.

Over the next year, AtlantiCare will be collecting community feedback at a series of events, outreach efforts, and other community activities. At the end of that time, a report will be prepared detailing the suggestions and priorities that the community has identified, as well as a plan for turning those priorities into realities.

To ensure that the plan is representative of the diversity of the neighborhood, AtlantiCare is actively seeking applications for the Midtown Neighborhood Steering

Committee. This committee will be guiding planning efforts over the next year through intensive community outreach. Residents, business owners, community organization members, and other key neighborhood stakeholders are highly encouraged to apply. Applications are due June 30, 2020.

The Midtown neighborhood is ripe with numerous community assets, engaged organizations, prosperous and promising businesses, and well-established neighborhoods. It includes the following geographic area:

- Kentucky Avenue to Tennessee Avenue between Sewell and Wabash

- Ohio Avenue to Tennessee Avenue between Wabash and Baltic
- Arkansas Avenue to Virginia Avenue between Baltic and Pacific
- Michigan Avenue to Connecticut Avenue between Pacific Avenue and Boardwalk

To learn more, please visit www.atlanticare.org/midtown. Paper copies of the application are available at the William L. Gormley AtlantiCare HealthPlex, located at 1401 Atlantic Avenue. If you have any further questions, please contact Dylan Wulderk, Project Manager, at 609-272-6324 or dylan.wulderk@atlanticare.org.

COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program

As part of the Murphy Administration's overall response to assist New Jersey residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Phil Murphy and Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver announced the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (CVERAP). This program will provide temporary rental assistance to low- and moderate-income households that have had a substantial reduction in income or became unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applicants may be eligible for a maximum of up to six months of emergency rental assistance. The assistance will be capped at fair market rent standard or the total of the rent, whichever is lesser. All participants will be reviewed at the three-month interval to see if they are still in need of assistance. Persons applying must meet all applicable CVERAP income and eligibility requirements. You must be

eighteen (18) years of age or older to apply or be an emancipated minor. Only one (1) pre-application per household will be accepted. All participants will be selected through an online lottery process.

The enrollment period is Monday, July 6, 2020, at 9:00 am until Friday, July 10, 2020, at 5:00 pm. Completion of this pre-application does not guarantee placement in the program. For more information go to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs website at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/>.

Anyone selected for the program must meet the following requirements:

- Have a gross, annual household income that is at or below the maximum income limits for the county where they are residing;

- Be a New Jersey resident and rent a unit in New Jersey;
- Rent must be current as of March 2020; this program will not assist with arrears;
- Have a substantial reduction in income or are currently receiving unemployment due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Unpaid leave to take care of children due to school and daycare closures; and/or
- Have a lack of assets and savings to pay rent; and
- Will pay a minimum of 30 percent of their income towards the rent.

Anyone currently receiving a subsidy from another rental assistance program or living in Public Housing is ineligible.

Free Music Lessons Available for Girls

The Girl Scouts of Central & Southern, NJ announced that they are partnering with Chicken Bone Beach Historical Foundation, Inc. and the Atlantic City Police Athletic League to present free music lessons for girls. The 10-week program will be either virtual or in-person lessons for girls interested

in learning to play the keyboard or guitar. The type of lesson will be dictated by state regulations.

The instruments are loaned free of charge to participants for the duration of the program. Girls will also receive a Girl Scout membership until Sept 30, 2021.

Registration entitles girls to attend Girl Scout programs which can be found at www.gscsnj.org/events.

Registration forms and further information can be obtained from Maria Aviles by emailing her at maviles@gscsnj.org or calling 609-364-4867.

COVID-19 Testing Sites for Atlantic City Residents

The City of Atlantic City is offering free COVID-19 testing to symptomatic Atlantic City residents. Testing is by appointment only at two locations.

The walk-up testing site is located in the 800 block of Atlantic Avenue in the surface parking lot of the Showboat Hotel. This site is only open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The entry point is on Delaware Avenue. Individuals can be driven to the site, but those being tested must be able to walk through the testing area without assistance.

A drive-thru site is located in the area of the Surf Stadium located at 545 N. Albany Avenue. This site is only open on Fridays.

The individual being tested does not have to be driving they can be a passenger. Occupants are to keep their windows up until instructed. The entry point is at the intersection of Albany and Filbert Avenues.

Reliance Medical Group, a primary healthcare provider based in Northfield, is conducting the medical testing.

Both sites are open from 10 AM to 2 PM. In order to be tested, the individual must:

- Have a COVID-19 test prescription from their doctor (if an individual is symptomatic and does not possess a prescription, a Reliance physician on-site can provide the prescription),

- Read and accept the consent form (available in the appointment portal),
- Have an appointment,
- Have a copy of the appointment confirmation,
- Have identification proving the individual is an Atlantic City resident.
- For more information and to schedule an appointment, visit the City of Atlantic City website (www.cityofatlanticcity.org), click "COVID-19 Testing", and follow the prompts. If further assistance is needed, call 609-318-6990.

Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City

The Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City will be reopening for Summer Camp at our Drexel Club located at 1010 Drexel Avenue, Chelsea Club located at 215 N. Sovereign Avenue, and for Summer Session at our Teen Center located at 317 N. Pennsylvania Avenue.

We will be enrolling via a first come first serve application process so we can abide by social distancing and class size regulations prescribed by the Board of Health and the Center for Disease Control.

Applications can be picked up at:

Chelsea Club- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 12-4pm

Drexel Club- Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am-2pm

Teen Center- Monday, Wednesday & Friday 11am-3pm

Summer Camp at Chelsea & Drexel Clubs are for children 6 through 13 years of age.

Summer Session at the Teen Center will enroll teens 14 years of age and older and will follow a

workforce development curriculum, providing career exposure activities in STEAM, Hospitality/Culinary and Healthcare Trainings.



Questions can be submitted to info@acbgc.org or for more information visit <https://www.acbgc.org/>.

Ways to Stay Informed

The City of Atlantic City is diligently working to keep everyone safe and healthy during this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. All city employees are currently working a modified schedule allowing our employees to remain healthy. City Hall remains closed; however, employees are still available to provide needed service.

City of Atlantic City- 833.359.0084 / www.cityofatlanticcity.org /    @AtlanticCityGov

Atlantic City Police Department- 609.347.5780 / www.acpolice.org /  @AtlanticCityPolice /   @AtlanticCityPD

Atlantic City Fire Department- 609.347.5590 /  @acfdlocal198 /  @AtlanticCityFD

Atlantic City Office of Emergency Management- 609.347.5466 /  @AtlanticCityOEM

Tip411- Receive email and/or text message alerts from the police department. Go to <https://www.tip411.com/groups> to begin the process.

Code Red Alert System- Receive information from your local emergency response team in the event of emergencies or critical community alerts. Go to www.cityofatlanticcity.org and locate the Code Red tab on the homepage to begin the process.

2020 Census

It is not too late to take the US Census 2020. Every resident of Atlantic City counts. By completing the census, you will assist in bringing federal aid and resources to Atlantic City to support services that directly affect the community, such as schools, roads, health clinics, fire departments, food assistance and more. You can complete the census by mail, phone or online. For additional information and to complete the census, visit <http://makeitcount2020.com/>.

Message from the Mayor

The City of Atlantic City continues to do everything possible to address the COVID-19 pandemic in order to ensure public health and safety. We are following the health directives established by the Centers for Disease Control and we are working with the State of New Jersey and various agencies in order to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus and keep residents informed and up-to-date.

The work that we are doing and the preventive measures we have in place is helping to curb the spread of the virus. We are making progress. However, we must remember that this pandemic is far from over. There are many of our friends and family members who have become ill with the Coronavirus; and there are those who have lost their lives. There are residents and merchants who

are suffering economically as the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted jobs and the opportunity to conduct business. The past few months have been unprecedented and challenging for each and every one of us.

Once again, I salute and extend my special thanks and heartfelt appreciation to our Frontline Heroes: the emergency personnel, public safety and public works employees, City Hall staff, government workers, transportation/delivery personnel and food industry employees who go to work each and every day in order save and sustain lives. I am very proud to recognize and commend their outstanding efforts.

In closing, I ask that you continue to practice social distancing, wear a face covering when in public, wash your hands

thoroughly and sanitize your surroundings. And please, check on your neighbor to make sure her or she is okay.

As I said before, Atlantic City is resilient. We are strong. We are in this together, and together we will get through this!

Yours in service to the community,

Marty Small, Sr.

Mayor

