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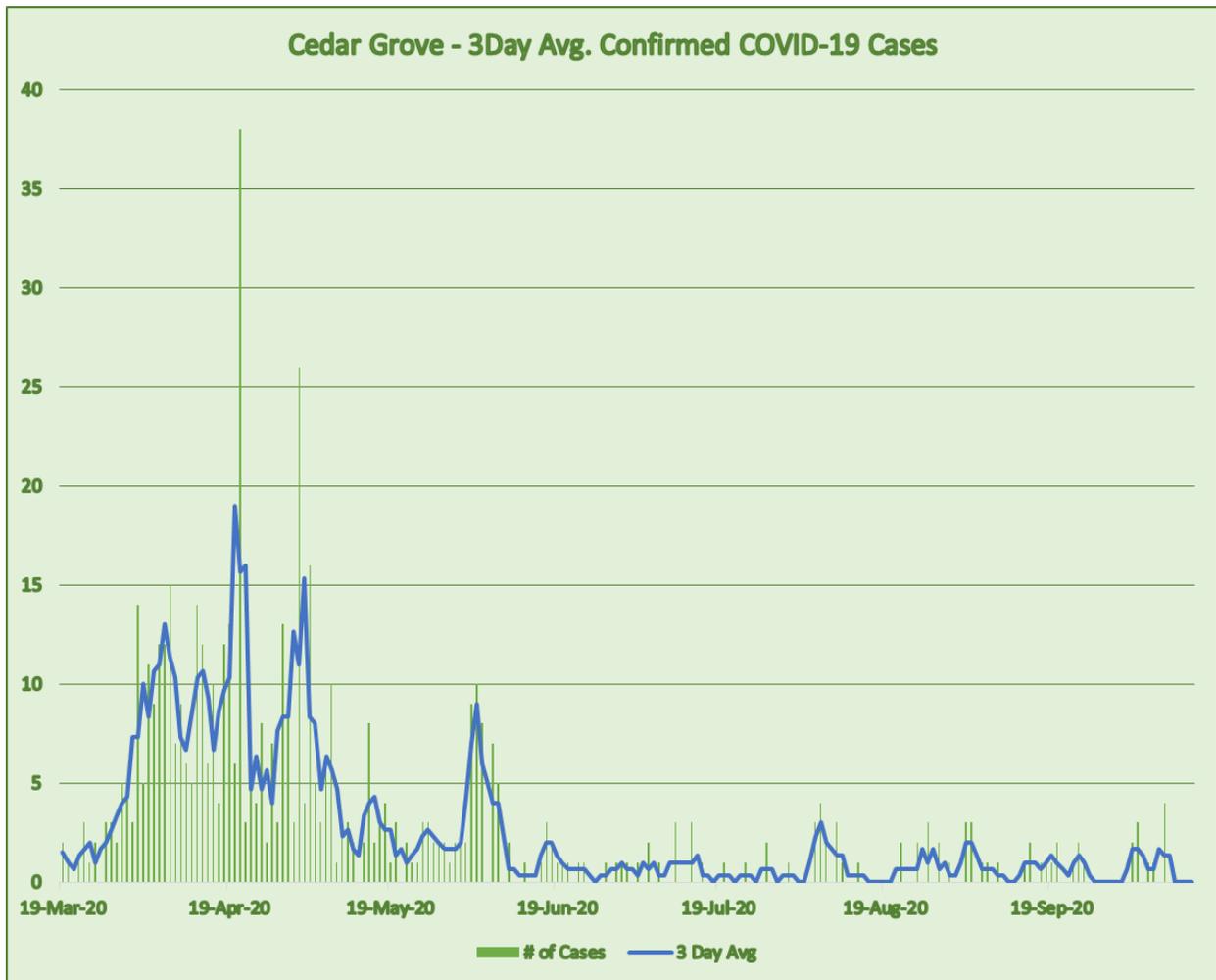
Preliminary

- ✓ All new information contained in this report will be **Highlighted**
- ✓ All emergencies dial **911**
- ✓ All other Non-emergency's dial **973-239-4100**

A. Cedar Grove Emergency Service Status

- ✓ **Police** full strength, no officers out
- ✓ **Fire** Department full strength, no members out
- ✓ **EMS** Atlantic Ambulance Corp, dedicated ambulance located at 14 Cedar Street additional ambulance available upon request. **To date, Atlantic EMS 20 has responded to 476 Calls with a 7 minute averaged response time, and no missed responses.**

B. **Township COVID-19 cases reported , 3 Day Average, updated 10-15-2020**



Source, Essex County Health Dept.

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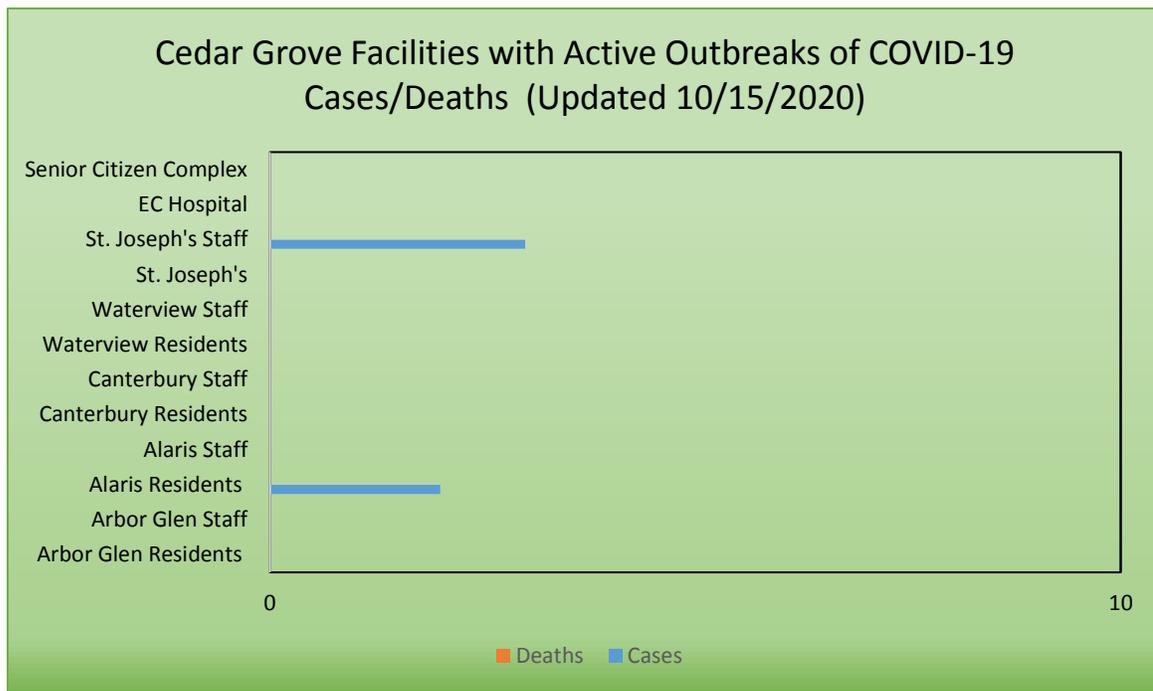
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C. Township Positive Cases Reported Table, as reported on the ECSD current situation report

Cedar Grove	Time	Last Report	Current Rpt.	Case Change	Previous Deaths	Current Deaths	Death Change
10-14-2020	2pm	506	506	0	113	113	0
10-15-2020	2pm	506	506	0	113	113	0

D. Cedar Grove Facilities with COVID-19 Cases as reported by NJDOH, updated 10/15/2020. This table is comprised of information provided by the State of New Jersey Department of Health. There is no correlation to the county's case reported above, see notes below.



Source NJDOH

E. Health Dept. Officials have advised that facilities that have completed two incubation periods (28 days) without any new cases are no longer considered to be in an active outbreak and are subsequently removed from the above table.

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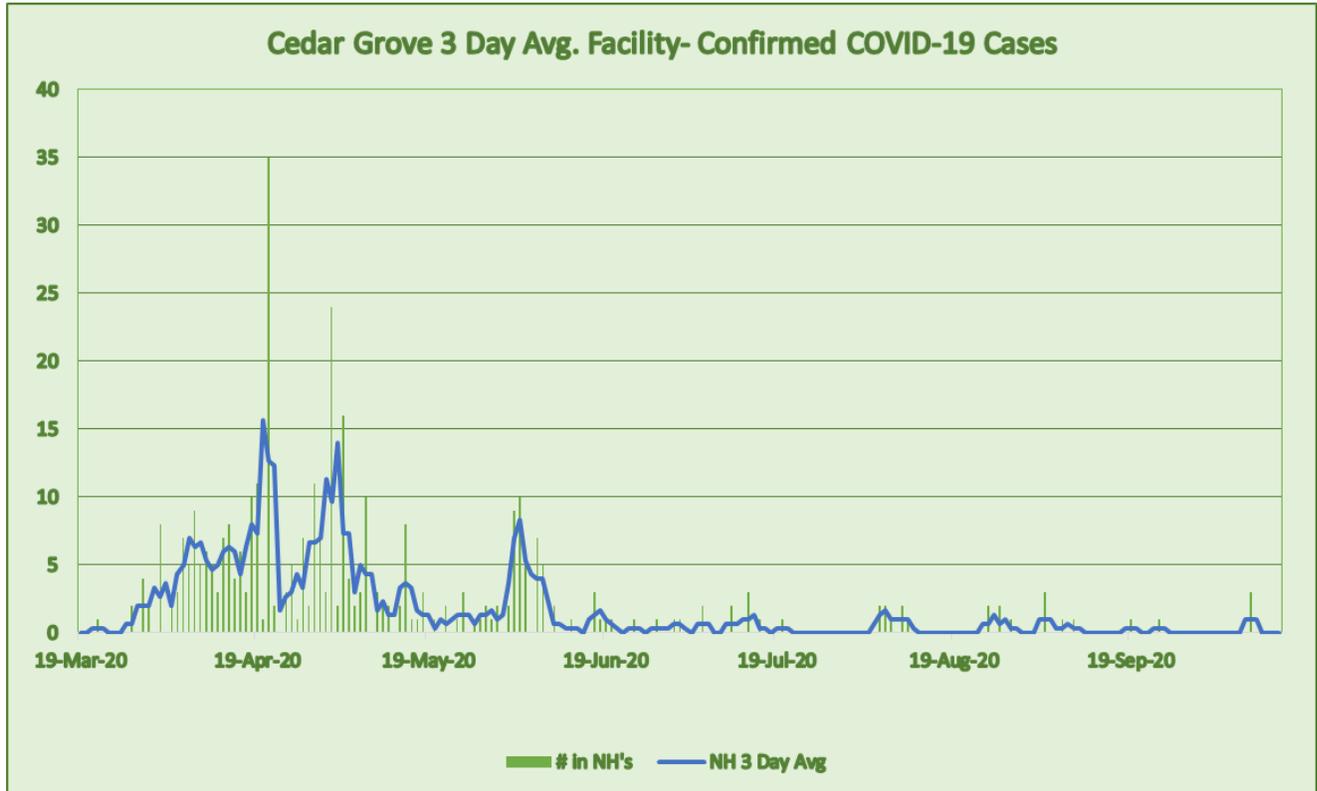


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F. Township COVID-19 facility cases reported, 3 Day Average, updated 10-15-2020



Source, Essex County Health Dept.

G. You May See Rising COVID LTC Facility Cases

Local Health Dept. Officials have advised, the state is retesting residents and staff at LTC facilities, it can be presumed that it will continue to increase the case numbers in CG.



For Emergencies Call 911

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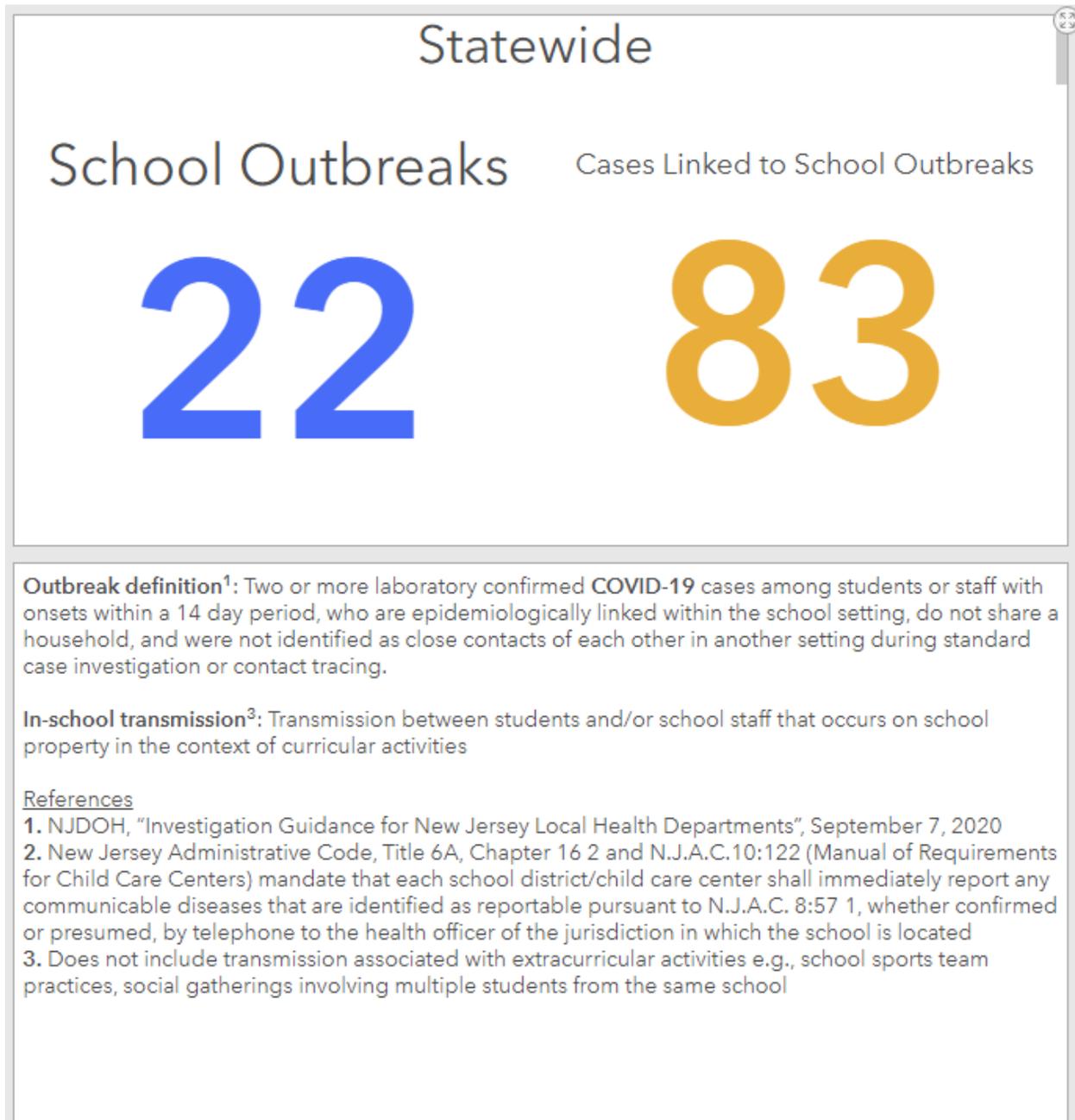
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H. Statewide School Out Breaks Reported by DOH 10-16-2020

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml



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I. Cedar Grove Recreation Information follow Link Below



Facial Covering/Masks are recommended, not required.

<https://cedargrovenj.org/departments/recreation/>

Junior Firefighter Day Was a Great Success!

Hosted by CEDAR GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Pictured below, Junior Firefighters take a break from firefighter training under the Aerial of the Departments Ladder Truck



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J. Recent Announcements

- ✓ Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Extending Utility Shutoff Moratorium through March 15, 2021.

<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-190.pdf>

- ✓ NJ DOH Halloween Celebration Guidance October 5, 2020
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/NJ_Halloween_2020.pdf

- ✓ **ESSEX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Public health recommendations:

1. Get a flu shot! Best to get vaccinated in September or October but can get vaccinated into January.
 2. Wear a cloth or disposable mask when in public (both indoors and outdoors).
 3. Practice social distancing (keep a 6 feet space between you and others).
 4. Follow good respiratory hygiene recommendations.
 5. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve, not your hands.
 6. Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
 7. Stay home if you are sick and avoid sick people.
 8. Review and follow CDC travel advisories when planning travel. If you become ill after returning home to the United States, call your healthcare provider before going to a doctor's office or emergency department of a hospital. Wear a cloth or disposable mask when entering the building to protect others.
 9. Stay up to date about COVID-19. If you have COVID-19 questions call 211, 1-800-826-1253, or visit the website at covid19.nj.gov
 10. Reminder for faith communities about celebrating safely to avoid increased transmission of COVID19: Follow COVID-19 guidance when observing religious holidays and Fall festivals and adhere to gathering restrictions, Maintain social distancing and wear masks, as outlined in Executive Orders, and Stay Connected: join or host observances via phone or video conferencing and via live streaming on social media.
- ✓ On September 25, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed, Executive Order 186, extending the Public Health Emergency. The full executive order can be found here:
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-186.pdf>
 - ✓ On October 5th, Cedar Grove Public Schools will transition from a full virtual model to a hybrid model for the 5th through 8th grade student population only. Students will follow the original Hybrid Model Schedule beginning with Cohort A attending Live/ In School instruction while Cohort B will follow Synchronous/Virtual Instruction. Updated

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schedules and information will be provided to families and caregivers by each individual school along with updated information on the schools Return to School Website.

- ✓ On 9/16/20, the data source for daily count data was changed to the recently created NJDOH COVID Report (Lab-Confirmed PCR). This report will provide a more stable source of data compared to that previously available and local health departments may also access this report as needed. Additionally, NJDOH has changed the way incoming lab results are coded and daily reports of negative test results are no longer available.
- ✓ BOE announces the reopening of North End and South End Schools on Tuesday, September 29th. The children will be in school from 8:20-12:30pm, Monday through Thursday, they are bifurcated into two groups. Monday Tuesday and Wednesday Thursday. No teachers or students will be in school on Fridays.
- ✓ On September 7th 2020 An Employee at Memorial Middle School has reported COVID-19 Symptoms and was tested 9-7-2020 for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The case has been reported to the Montclair Health Department for investigation. Close Contacts of the case are currently being determined. The BOE District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following CDC, state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas has been completed.
- ✓ On September 1, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed, Executive Order 183, Allowing the Resumption of Indoor Dining Effective Friday, September 4. The full executive order can be found here:
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-183.pdf>
- ✓ Governor Murphy Directs U.S. and New Jersey Flags to Fly at Half-Staff in Honor of Staff Sergeant Vincent P. Marketta.
<https://www.nj.com/ocean/2020/08/2-soldiers-including-brick-resident-die-in-helicopter-training-crash-army-says.html>
- ✓ Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Allowing Gyms and Indoor Amusement and Water Parks to Reopen Effective Tuesday, September 1.
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-181.pdf>
- ✓ The Cedar Grove Police Department, in conjunction with The New Jersey State Motor Vehicles Commission's Mobile Inspection Unit, will be running a vehicle inspection station for motorists who have been unable to get to a state MVC inspection station. The free inspections will take place on Friday, Aug. 28 between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon in the parking lot adjacent to the Cedar Grove Board of Education Offices located at 520 Pompton Ave.



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- ✓ The free inspections will take place on Friday, Aug. 28 between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon in the parking lot adjacent to the Cedar Grove Board of Education Offices located at 520 Pompton Ave.
- ✓ COVID-19 Mobile Testing Site Announced – The Essex County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Essex County Health Department are providing a Cedar Grove testing site in the parking lot of the Essex County DPW/Fleet Facility 99 West Bradford Avenue in Cedar Grove on September 1, 2020 4pm to 7pm. To register or:

To make an appointment, visit [www. https://www.essexcovid.org](https://www.essexcovid.org)

E-Mail: essexcovid19@admin.essexcountynj.org

Phone: 973-877-8456

Fax: 973-649-6351

- ✓ On August 21, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy announced that the state's water, gas, and electric companies agreed to extend their voluntary moratorium to prevent shutoffs during the COVID-19 pandemic until October 15th. A link to the press release can be found here:
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200821a.shtml>
- ✓ Governor Murphy Announces Decreased Indoor Gathering Capacity Limit in EO-173
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-173.pdf>
- ✓ Health Dept. Officials have advised that Arbor Glen, Canterbury, St. Joseph's and Essex County Hospital Center have completed two incubation periods (28 days) without any new cases and are no longer considered to be in an active outbreak. This can change if those facilities get one new positive case. Several of the other LTC facilities are also nearing this mark.
- ✓ All of the LTC facilities have undergone in-person inspections from NJDOH Survey team and none were cited with any major violations.
- ✓ Lastly on this report is the list of test sites that were done, with numbers tested (except for the County run site on May 26).
- ✓ On July 14, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy updated the Quarantine Advisory Issued for Individuals Traveling to New Jersey. A link to the updated list can be found here :

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- ✓ <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/general-public/which-states-are-on-the-travel-advisory-list-are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey>
- ✓ Joseph Zichelli was sworn into the Cedar Grove Township Council last night replacing Robert Vargo who recently stepped down. Pictured to the right taking the oath is Councilman Joseph Zichelli along with his mom Christine Zichelli. State Senator Ret. Kevin O'Toole to the far right is administering the oath.
- ✓ Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Lifting 50 Percent Capacity Limits on NJ TRANSIT and Private-Carrier Vehicles. The full executive order can be found here:
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/>
- ✓ Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Requiring Individuals to Wear Masks in Outdoor Public Spaces When They Cannot Social Distance. The full executive order can be found here:
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-163.pdf>
- ✓ On July 7, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order 161, announces Increased Outdoor Gathering Capacity Limit to 500. The order can be found here:
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-161.pdf>
- ✓ On June 29, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order 158, temporarily pausing the resumption of indoor dining, which had been scheduled to resume later this week. The full executive order can be found here:
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-158.pdf>
- ✓ On June 26, 2020, the NJ Department of Education released the guidance on reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year.
<https://www.nj.gov/education/reopening/NJDOETheRoadBack.pdf>
- ✓ On June 22nd, 2020 Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 156 which announces increased indoor and outdoor gathering capacity limits. See below link:
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-156.pdf>
- ✓ On June 19th, 2020 the New Jersey Department of Health signed Administrative Order 2020-17, which allows residents living in long-term care facilities to enjoy outdoor visits in designated areas with family members and loved ones effective as of June 22nd.
- ✓ On June 18, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order 155, allowing for limited in-person instruction at institutions of higher education and trade and training schools beginning July 1st. Follow the link below for more information:
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-155.pdf>
- ✓ On June 9, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order 152 raising limits on outdoor and indoor gatherings. Click the link below for more information.
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-152.pdf>



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- ✓ On June 9, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order 153 opening pools effective June 22 and additional outdoor recreational businesses effective immediately. Click the link below for more information.
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-153.pdf>
- ✓ On June 5, 2020, NJ DMV announces a phased reopening beginning June 15.
<https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/#gsc.tab=0>
- ✓ On June 4, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive order 151 extending the Public Health Emergency in New Jersey. The full order can be found here:
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-151.pdf>
- ✓ On June 3, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive order 150 announcing outdoor dining protocols and process to expand premises for liquor license holders. The full order can be found here: <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-150.pdf>
- ✓ The American Red Cross New Jersey Region, together with state officials, is offering New Jersey resources in a Virtual Family Assistance Center launched to support families struggling with loss and grief due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. For more information use the following link: <https://www.redcross.org/virtual-family-assistance-center/nj-family-assistance-center.html>
- ✓ Governor Murphy Announces New Jersey to Enter Stage Two of Restart and Recovery on June 15th with Outdoor and Indoor Dining, Non-Essential Retail Allowed as of June 15th including *Hair Salons and Barber Shops May Reopen on June 22nd*
- ✓ On May 29th, 2020 Police and Atlantic Ambulance personnel responded to a report of a person in cardiac arrest. The Officer's and Atlantic EMT's together initiated CPR, and AED protocols they deployed the departments LUCAS Device and AED. The initial CPR resulted in the patient regaining a pulse. He was subsequently transported to a local hospital. The gentleman remains hospitalized in serious condition however he is expected to recover.
- ✓ On May 30th, Governor Murphy Signed Executive Order #149 Allowing Resumption of Child Care Services, Youth Day Camps, and Organized Sports Over the Coming Weeks. The full executive order and be found at:
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-149.pdf>
- ✓ Tennis Courts (4 courts on Little Falls Rd) – BY PERMIT ONLY (CG Residents only) click on the following link for details:
<https://cedargrovenj.org/2020/05/11/list-of-recreation-facilities-to-re-open/>
- ✓ On May 29th, Governor Murphy announced the COVID-19 Short-Term Rental Assistance Program. The program will provide rental assistance to low- and moderate-income households that have had a substantial reduction in income as a result of the pandemic, including those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- ✓ On May 26th, Governor Murphy announced that Modified In-Person Graduation Ceremonies Can Begin on July 6. The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) will issue guidance allowing school districts and colleges/universities to hold modified in-person graduation ceremonies. The guidance will include requirements that

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ceremonies be held outdoors, adhere to social distancing protocols, and observe capacity restrictions in order to protect the health of students and families celebrating these milestones amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

- ✓ On May 22nd, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order #148, which increases the limitations on outdoor gatherings to 25 individuals and immediately opens recreational campgrounds. The limitations on indoor gatherings will remain at 10 individuals for the time being. The full order can be found here: [Executive Order No.148](#)
- ✓ Essex County is increasing testing to 5 Days a week. Testing will include new mobile sites that will move around the County.
- ✓ On May 20th Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal announced that the Division of Consumer Affairs has authorized licensed New Jersey pharmacists to widely administer COVID-19 tests to customers without a prescription.
- ✓ Essex County Conducting COVID-19 Saliva Testing. To make an appointment click on the below link; <https://www.essexcovid.org/>

See the following announcement for more details

Unfortunately, Essex County leads the state in the number of deaths caused by the Coronavirus. Our fight against the deadly disease is far from over and we must remain vigilant and aggressive to combat it. Testing is a critical tool that will tell us exactly how widespread the virus is and who has been infected. Whether you are exhibiting symptoms of the Coronavirus or not, we encourage residents to make an appointment and get tested. - Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive
And The Board of Chosen Freeholders

Announce

Essex County COVID-19 Testing Sites

To make an appointment,
visit www.EssexCOVID.org
or call 973-324-9950

Essex County Weequahic Park Testing Site (Nasal Swab Test)	Upcoming Essex County Satellite Testing Locations (Saliva Test)
Wednesdays, May 20 & 27 Fridays, May 22 & 29 (No testing on Memorial Day, May 25) Additional dates will be announced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thursday, May 21st, Essex Golf Center, 800 Eagle Rock Avenue, RoselandTuesday, May 26th, Essex County Public Works-Fleet Maintenance, 99 West Bradford Avenue, Cedar GroveThursday, May 28th, Essex County Richard J. Coday Arena, 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange Additional dates will be announced.

www.EssexCOVID.org
973-324-9950

- For All Essex County Residents Experiencing Coronavirus Symptoms or Not
- Residents are encouraged to get retested if they have taken the swab or saliva tests 14 days ago or more and have received negative test results.
- Testing is provided free of charge to Essex County residents. No insurance is required.

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive
And The Board of Chosen Freeholders
Brendan W. Gill, President; Wayne L. Richardson, Vice President; Tyshamie L. Cooper, Romaine Graham, Rufus I. Johnson, Len M. Luciano, Robert Mercado, Carlos M. Pomares, Patricia Sabold

- ✓ All New Jersey MVCs will remain closed. All driver licenses (including CDL's), non-driver IDs, registrations, temp tags, and inspection stickers expiring before May 31 have been extended to July 31st. Documents expiring June 30 are extended two months to August 31. Details can be found at the following link: <https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/>
- ✓ On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 145** allowing elective surgeries and invasive procedures to resume on May 26. The full order can be found here: <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-145.pdf>
- ✓ On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 144** to protect public health by mailing every registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot or application ahead of

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the primary election. The full order can be found here:

<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-144.pdf>

- ✓ On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed legislation (A3969/S2392) allowing the extension of certain local government timeframes; allows local governments to accept certain payments; allows local governments to conduct certain meetings remotely; adjusts certain property tax distribution and notice requirements.
- ✓ On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed legislation (S2356/A3946) to provide relief for students enrolled in various state higher education financial aid programs and address the unique circumstances brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed legislation (S2344/A3970) requiring Medicaid and health insurance coverage for certain refills of prescription drugs during state of emergency.
- ✓ On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed legislation (A3942/S2394) requiring hospitals to permit individual to accompany woman during childbirth.
- ✓ On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed legislation (A3966) authorizing the sale and delivery of alcoholic beverages by the holders of certain retail consumption licenses and concessionaire permits during the COVID-19 state of emergency.
- ✓ On May 14th, 2020, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order 143, allowing Beaches, Boardwalks, Lakes, and Lakeshores to remain open with Social Distancing measures in place. The full order can be found here:
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-143.pdf>
- ✓ On May 13, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 142, permitting the resumption of non-essential construction, curbside pickup at non-essential retail businesses, and car gatherings for the purpose of drive-through and drive-in events. The construction and non-essential retail provisions will take effect at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18, while the car gatherings provision will take effect immediately. The full order can be found here:
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-142.pdf>
- ✓ On May 12th, 2020, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order 141, mandating that all local, county, and regional health departments use the CommCare platform to support their contact tracing efforts. The full order can be found here:
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-141.pdf>
- ✓ **BY ORDER of the Township Manager**, the following Recreation **Facilities will be open** to the public on a trial basis click on the **REGULATION** link below for full details*;
 - Community Park
 - Morgan's Farm

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- Panther Park (TRACK ONLY)
- New Tennis Courts (4 courts on Little Falls Rd.)—BY PERMIT APPLICATION ONLY (Will start accepting applications on May 13th).

REGULATIONS FOR ALL FACILITIES

- ✓ On 5-8-2020 Essex County OEM Provided a 55 gallon drum of hand sanitizer to the township. Township OEM and Cedar Grove Police with the assistance of Public Works Dept. bulk distributed all 55 gallons in 5 gallon pails to the 5 long term care facilities and the Cedar Grove Senior Citizens Building.
- ✓ On May 9, 2020, Colonel Callahan issued a letter in reference to **school graduations** and ceremonies. "In light of the components of Executive Order No. 107, and in the best interest of the health and safety of the public, in-person ceremonies, including graduations, all parades, including "wave parades," that invite people to gather at a certain location, proms, and other similar celebrations violate the enumerated conditions of the order, and should therefore be cancelled or postponed until such time as these restrictions are lifted. Until such time, virtual celebrations and other remote forms of recognition should take the place of any in-person or public ceremonies".

Department of Education Letter Regarding Graduations

- ✓ Governor Phil Murphy today announced that New Jersey has engaged a team of experts with national experience to conduct a rapid review of the state's 575 long-term care facilities to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and reduce impacts of future outbreaks. The team will produce a set of recommendations for the New Jersey Department of Health and long-term care facilities, as well as advice on potential state or federal action to improve quality, safety, and resilience within New Jersey's long-term care system.
- ✓ Governor Murphy announced on Monday May 4th that schools would remain closed through the end of the 2019-2020 academic year. Remote learning will continue until the end of the school year.
- ✓ Superintendent Michael J. Fetherman announced: It is with mixed emotions that I share my decision with you to move on from the Cedar Grove School District at the close of this school year. I am sincerely grateful and humbled by the opportunities the Cedar Grove Board of Education has afforded me and my family. Serving as your superintendent the past seven years has truly been the highlight of my career. In the time that I have been a part of this school community, we have fostered partnerships that allowed us to enhance the learning environment on behalf of our students. Collectively, we have truly aligned with a vision of progress for the Cedar Grove School District. Good luck Mr. Fetherman you will be missed.

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- ✓ Community-Based **Testing Sites** are for current New Jersey residents and members of New Jersey law enforcement agencies. In order to be eligible for testing, individuals must be current New Jersey residents. **Effective Sunday, May 3, 2020, exhibiting symptoms is no longer a prerequisite for testing.** However, the highest priority for testing will be given to health care workers and workers in congregate living settings, and symptomatic first responders, as well as to asymptomatic NJ residents who have been in close contact with someone else who has tested positive. The Bergen site is open on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Each day the site is open, staff will be able to test 500 people starting at 8 a.m. This is a drive-thru testing site at Lot C of main campus. The PNC Bank Arts Center (Monmouth) site will open at 8:00am on Monday and Wednesday for the general public and on Saturdays for health care workers (HCW) and first responders (police, fire, EMS) only. This is a drive thru location. Follow the below link for more information.

[New Jersey Testing Sites](#)

- ✓ On 5/01 Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 135, suspending in-person requirements for receipt of a marriage license and marriage ceremonies, and for the receipt of working papers for minors.
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-135.pdf>
- ✓ Essex County Parks will be reopened for passive use and Golf Courses will be reopened for modified play as of Saturday, May 2nd. Playgrounds, workout stations, and buildings will remain closed. Face coverings and social distancing are required
- ✓ Friday Nights at 8:20 pm (20:20 in military time), Cedar Grove High School's Athletic Complex will shine in honor of the Class of 2020. The lights will shine for 20 minutes and 20 seconds every Friday night during the month of May. Additionally, the scoreboard will display the score 20-20 along with the time remaining 20:20. BOE is asking all senior parents each Friday night during the month of May to have their front porch light on or place a battery operated candle in their front window at 8:20 PM to symbolize that you have a graduate of the class of 2020 living there. **Please note that students/parents are not permitted on the stadium grounds during this time of social distancing. The Cedar Grove Police will be present at the CGHS Athletic field - please no gathering as we do not want this recognition for the class of 2020 shutdown.**
- ✓ **CEDAR GROVE COMMUNITY PARK TO RE-OPEN Friday MAY 1**
 - **Passive Recreation is the only** activity allowed
 - Bike Riding, Jogging, Walking and Hiking are considered passive.
 - Playgrounds and Restrooms will remain closed
 - Team Sports, Organized Activities, Picnics and Social Gatherings are prohibited.
 - A Social Distance of 6 foot should be maintained while participating in the above activities and Facial Covering/Masks are strongly recommended.

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- Parking at Community Park parking should be staggered utilizing every other spot.
- ✓ All Ballfields will remain closed to any activity.
- ✓ Panther Park, George Street Park, Little Falls Road Tennis/ Basketball Courts and Blasi Field will remain closed till further notice.
- ✓ Morgan's Farm will be reopened on a limited basis for passive recreation only. Farmers Market activities will be allowed with restriction. Only two persons will be allowed to operate the stand practicing social distancing and wearing facial covering/masks. Customers will only be allowed remaining in their vehicles and transactions taking place through the window of the vehicle. No Cash Transactions Credit or Debit Cards only.
- ✓ All Personal Protective Equipment must be disposed of properly to keep our environment clean.
- ✓ On April 29, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed **Executive Order No. 133 reopening state parks and golf courses**, and restoring the authority of county governments to determine whether county parks will be open or closed. The order takes effect at sunrise on Saturday, May 2. The full order can be found by following the link below:

<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-133.pdf>

- ✓ Health Commissioner Judith Persichilli reported that CDC has updated their list of COVID-19 symptoms to include:
 - Chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and recent loss of taste or smell, were added to the previous symptoms, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing and fever.
- ✓ Note that systems rang from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19. Children have similar symptoms to adults and generally have mild illness. This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.
- ✓ On April 27, 2020, Governor Murphy announced "The Road Back: Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health," to restart New Jersey and put the state on the road to recovery. Governor Murphy outlined six key principles and benchmarks to guide the process for restoring New Jersey's economic health by ensuring public health.
- ✓ Governor Murphy's stay-at-home Executive Order, which has been in effect since March 21st, will remain in effect in its entirety until further notice. The following six principles and key metrics will guide the process for lifting restrictions and restoring New Jersey's economic health through public health. Follow the link below for full details of the six principles and key metrics.

["The Road Back: Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health,"](#)

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- ✓ “Our priority is to use science, data, and facts to put New Jersey on the road to recovery. In order to restore economic health, we must first promote public health,” said Governor Murphy. “These key principles and metrics are critical for giving New Jerseyans confidence that we will re-open our state with our public health protocols firmly in place and our health care system prepared. Restarting New Jersey’s economy and returning people to work will be done methodically, strategically, and responsibly.” Gov. Murphy
- ✓ On April 24, 2020, Governor Murphy announced Executive Order No. 128, which Providing Critical Short-Term Support for Renters. A link to the full order can be found here: <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-128.pdf>
- ✓ **The Essex County Testing** site opened on Thursday, March 26, 2020 and is now open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am until further notice.
- ✓ Residents can register at www.EssexCOVID.org, or by calling the Essex County Office of Emergency Management COVID-19 Testing Call Center at 973-324-9950 if they do not have internet. The call center will be open from 7am - 11pm. Phone: 973-324-9950 Email: covidtesting@essexsheriff.com Fax: 973-324-9958
- ✓ Cedar Grove OEM has requested and received PPE, masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer, for the residents of Cedar Ridge Senior Center from Essex County OEM. The PPE was delivered today 4/27/20.
- ✓ **Essex County Emergency Food Distribution Event** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10 a.m. Essex County Branch Brook Park Cherry Blossom Welcome Center Enter Park via Heller Parkway Newark, NJ. It will be held RAIN or SHINE.
 - Enter Branch Brook Park via Heller Parkway or other southern entrances.
 - No Left Turns allowed into Cherry Blossom Welcome Center Parking Lot.
 - No arrivals before 8 a.m.
 - Drivers must keep their windows rolled up and open their trunk.
 - Buses and walk-ups cannot be served.
- ✓ Yesterday the governor’s office announced Bergen and Monmouth testing sites will conduct testing on any New Jersey resident, regardless of symptom status. Removing the requirement that persons must be symptomatic prior to testing. **The Governor’s Office has recanted that announcement citing permitting requirements.** Obviously there is discussion regarding the symptomatic requirement, however at this time you must be symptomatic to be tested. Please check at the below link for the most current testing site requirements.
<https://covid19.nj.gov/search.html?query=Testing+Centers+in+NJ>
- ✓ The Tzu Chi Foundation in Cedar Grove operates a **Vegan Food Pantry**. The pantry will be opening on May 1st 2020 and is open for business regularly on Fridays from 11:30 am

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till 2:00 pm. However the Tzu Chi Foundation has made arrangements with the Cedar Grove Health Dept. to provide vegetables and dry goods to anyone in need by contacting the Cedar Grove Health Departments Dee Riou at 973-239-1410 X 224.

- ✓ The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) has secured the Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System (CCDS) to assist healthcare providers, first response agencies, and any other agencies in decontaminating their N95 respirators at NO CHARGE to the sending agencies. All township facilities were advised of the service.

CGHS Updates: *From Rick Mangili, Principal Cedar Grove High School*

- ✓ 1. I am sure many of my senior parents are concerned with our traditional end-of-year celebrations and whether we will be able to hold them. I share your concern about these events, with that being said, we have moved our **Junior/Senior Prom to Tuesday, July 14th**. The concern of social distancing may still play a major part in New Jersey in early June, thus our decision to move the date from June 4th to mid-July was based on the health and safety of our students. Additionally, with all non-essential stores being closed since March 16th, I am sure we have students who have yet to find dresses and make hair appointments etc. ***We are looking to have our Prom Bids go out in the near future with the hope of having permission slips completed online along with payments. ***
- ✓ **2. Graduation Ceremony** - At this time I continue to remain hopeful we will return back to CGHS in late May or early June. However, if we remain closed for the rest of the school year, we have begun to research alternative options for graduation to ensure our seniors have a meaningful closure to their high school years. Details will be shared when they are finalized.
- ✓ President Trump has unveiled Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts. These steps will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives. Follow the link below for full details.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>

- ✓ Governor Murphy issued an Executive Order closing all NJ schools through Friday, May 15, 2020. As a result of this order, the Cedar Grove School District will remain closed until this order is lifted and we receive permission from local and state agencies to return back to school. Michael J. Fetherman Superintendent of Cedar Grove Schools announced; moving forward, virtual learning will resume on Monday, April 20th under the current format, at least until Friday, May 15. In addition, all school activities, including athletics, will remain postponed until further notice.
- ✓ The American Heart Association has set forth CPR guidelines that apply to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients and anyone whose agency is CPR accredited. Cedar Grove Police and Fire Department are both AHA accredited.
- ✓ Governor Murphy signed Executive Order 127 extending certain deadlines associated with rulemaking. The full Executive Order can be located by following the below link.

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<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-127.pdf>

- ✓ **How File a Complaint about a Health Care Facility.**
 - The Division does take on-line complaints. Click here: [on-line complaints](#)
 - OR you can file a complaint by phone if you do not want to provide your name. Use the **Complaint Hotline: 1-800-792-9770**. The 24-hour hotline handles consumer complaints and facility emergencies seven days a week. Patients, health care facility employees and other members of the public may file complaints about hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, home health agencies, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, comprehensive personal care homes, adult medical day care, pediatric medical day facilities, and many other licensed acute- and long-term care facilities.

- ✓ **Governor Murphy signed Executive Order 126** prohibiting Cable and Telecommunications Providers from terminating internet and voice service due to nonpayment. The full Executive Order can be located by following the below link.

<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-126.pdf>

Press Release

NJMVC Extends Expiration Dates for Driver Licenses, Registrations, and Inspections In Response to COVID-19 Outbreak

TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy and New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator Sue Fulton have announced that due to the COVID-19 outbreak and to protect the public, the MVC will extend expiration dates for driver licenses, registrations, and inspection stickers.

Effective immediately, the NJMVC will grant a two-month extension for:

- ✓ Driver licenses expiring in March, April, and May
- ✓ Registrations expiring in March, April, and May
- ✓ Inspection stickers expiring in March, April, and May

“All residents who have their driver’s licenses, auto registration, or vehicle inspection due for a renewal by May 31 will receive an automatic two-month extension,” said Governor Murphy. “Keeping New Jerseyans out of crowded Motor Vehicle agencies is another step we can take to limit exposure and hold the line against the spread of COVID-19.”

“Extending the expiration dates will reduce the numbers of customers who come through our agencies daily, helping us to reduce the risk to New Jerseyans,” Chief Fulton said. “We also strongly encourage customers to renew their licenses and registrations online if they are eligible.”

For expiration dates falling in March, the renewal deadline is extended to May; for expiration dates falling in April, the renewal deadline is extended to June; for expiration dates falling in May, the renewal deadline is extended to July.

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By law, Chief Administrator Fulton has the authority to extend expiration dates when a State of Emergency has been declared. Governor Murphy declared a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency on March 9 as part of the state's coordinated response to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The NJMVC continues to encourage those customers who are eligible to conduct online transactions, including license renewals, vehicle registrations and change of address, to do so by visiting NJMVC.gov.

Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order #123 Extends Insurance Premium Grace Periods:

- ✓ All property and casualty insurance companies, life insurance companies, insurance premium finance companies, health insurance companies, health maintenance organizations, health service corporations and other entities issuing health or dental benefits plans in this State (collectively, "subject entities") shall not cancel during the emergency grace period any policy or contract as a result of nonpayment as defined in the governors order please follow the below link for full details:

<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-123.pdf>

- ✓ **Allowed Residential Construction, Gov. Order #122: 1.** Projects already underway involving individual single-family homes, or an individual apartment unit where an individual already resides, with a construction crew of 5 or fewer individuals. This includes additions to single-family homes such as solar panels; **2.** Projects already underway involving a residential unit for which a tenant or buyer has already entered into a legally binding agreement to occupy the unit by a certain date, and construction is necessary to ensure the unit's availability by that date; **3.** Residential projects that are exclusively designated as affordable housing.
- ✓ The National Ambulance Contract has been activated to Essex County. Any towns needing mutual aid ambulance service can contact the municipal OEM coordinator and submit a request. 50 Basic Life Support, BLS Units, and 25 Advanced Life Support, ALS Units are located at the Meadowlands Complex. Those resources can be assigned any jurisdictions needing assistance. We are not in need of mutual aid assistance at this time. It is available to us. EMS calls are averaging 3 to 4 calls a day and are being handled without the need for additional resources.
- ✓ The National Weather Service has issued a, "**Red Flag Warning**", for Essex County as well as the rest of the State. The conditions are right for the rapid spread of fires due to the low humidity, wind and warm weather. There should be no outdoor burning. Keep a watchful eye on the Reservations, Parks and other wooded area.
- ✓ NJSP Colonel Callahan issued a letter to all licensed post-acute care health systems, hospitals and facilities regarding the implementation of Executive Order 111. Colonel Callahan's letter reiterates the obligations for these facilities to report their pertinent data in the NJHA portal by 10:00 p.m. daily. This information will be the basis for their receipt of PPE supplies, which State OEM will allocate in accordance with CDC guidance based upon the information reported.

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- ✓ The New Jersey Regional Operations Intelligence Center (NJ ROIC) is providing this informational bulletin in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage vigilant citizens to report incidents of fraud, hoarding, and price gouging to the National Center for **Disaster Fraud (NCDF) Hotline at (866) 720-5721** or email at disaster@leo.gov. Please visit the blow link for further information.

<https://www.justice.gov/coronavirus>

- ✓ If you are feeling anxious and need to talk with someone you can **1-866-202-HELP**
- ✓ If you have a general question you can **call 211**

Nursing and Long Term Care Facilities Update

In regards to the 5 Long Term Care Facilities in Cedar Grove. We have been in continual contact with the department of health regarding the severe impact of COVID-19 on these facilities. Health officials advise that once a case of COVID19 has been detected in one of these facility, it is considered an outbreak. The facility is then assigned an outbreak number and all of the cases within the facility in its residents and staff are linked.

The Township of Cedar Grove shares health service with Montclair Health Dept. The Montclair Health Dept. Director of Nursing is directly responsible for coordination with NJDOH, the epidemiologists at Essex Regional Health Commission, and the Directors of the Long Term Care Facilities, here after referred to as LTC Facilities.

The LTC facilities are all documenting a number of data points including but not limited to temperature readings, symptoms of residents and staff and whether they were hospitalized and/or discharged or have died. The facilities are required to submit this data to the director of nursing daily. The health department is working closely the facilities to ensure they understand and are following all of the guidance being put forth from NJDOH. There are also "Recommendations for Long Term Care Facilities during the COVID-19 Pandemic", such as making sure there is an all hazards emergency preparedness program and plan in place, aggressive visitor restriction and staff sick leave policies, grouping of residents according to their health status (sick, exposed but asymptomatic, not exposed and asymptomatic), utilizing telemedicine, universal masking of staff (N-95) and residents (paper facemasks) if they can tolerate it, etc. There is an "Outbreak Management Checklist for COVID19 in nursing, which is a chart for the director of the LTC Facility to use in making sure they have taken all of the appropriate steps to manage the outbreak in their facility, including the above recommendations, but also cleaning and disinfecting, infection control, patient and staff management.

Once the controls have been in place, NJDOH has said it will take approximately 14 days until their effectiveness will be evident. Department of health is monitoring their progress, and sadly, symptomatic residents and those that have passed away. "Needless to say, It's has been heartbreaking for all those involved, especially the health care professionals working in these facilities, who feel somewhat helpless against what is happening". The Cedar Grove Township Manager, Mayor, Council and Public Safety Partners will continue to work with state, county, and our local health officials. We stand ready to assist in any manner necessary. Please keep the residents and staff of these facilities along with our health officials in your thoughts. Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Stay Home, Stay Alert.

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- ✓ The Township of Cedar Grove SIT Rep Report will be updated daily after the morning New Jersey State Corr-Sat FLO Info Share Meeting.
- ✓ **Cedar Grove Senior Citizens Complex** , this SIT REP will be e mailed daily to the Site Manager at 100 Cedar Ridge Drive where it will be printed and posted for those seniors who do not have access to the Townships Web Site.
- ✓ We have reached out to the leaders of the townships religious groups regarding the holy week and the states social distancing requirements. Please note that there have been no threats toward religious groups in the state however everyone should remain vigilant.
- ✓ Governor Murphy announces postponement of June 2nd Primary Elections until July 7th.
- ✓ The Governors issued Executive Order NO. 122. This Order shall take effect beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2020, and shall remain in effect until revoked. Below are a few of the requirements that are most likely to affect us all, the document is vast and for full details follow the link below.

<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-122.pdf>

Where an essential retail business must adopt policies that include, at minimum, the following requirements:

- Limit occupancy at 50% of the stated maximum store capacity, if applicable, at one time;
- Install a physical barrier, such as a shield guard, between customers and cashiers;
- Requires frequent sanitization of high-touch areas;
- Requires workers and customers to wear cloth face coverings while on the premises, except where doing so would inhibit that individual's health or where the individual is under two years of age, and require workers to wear gloves when in contact with customers or goods. If a customer refuses to wear a cloth face covering for non-medical reasons and if such covering cannot be provided to the individual by the business at the point of entry, then the business must decline entry to the individual, unless the business is providing medication;

This Order shall take effect beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2020, and shall remain in effect until revoked

- ✓ The number of infected individuals in any municipality is likely to be much greater than indicated in the above Positive Case Reported Table as this data ONLY includes persons who have been tested and whose lab results have been reported in the State's data system.
- ✓ There has been a significant drop in number of people gathering in the county parks which are located within Cedar Grove, Great job at staying home and Social Distancing C.G.
- ✓ The State of New Jersey's Department of Health is currently formulating a state wide approach to the COVID-19 in the states nursing and long term care facilities.

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- ✓ **A special council** meeting will be conducted by via video conference Monday 4-13-2020 at 7pm. Go to the township web site for additional information on virtually attending.
- ✓ **The mayor and council** want you to properly discard your PPE!



Please place your used PPE into a proper waste disposal container, failure to do so is a violation of the Governors Emergency Order and may subject you to an ordinance violation

- ✓ **Birthday Celebrations**, we have had a significant number of requests for birthday drive-bys for children. Additionally Folks have begun to organize impromptu "Birthday Parades". The community aspect of the drive-by has been fantastic. However, while is does not in of itself violate the Governor's Executive Orders it has unfortunately had the potential to draw groups of ten people together which is a violation of the governors order. It most certainly violates the spirit of social distancing and necessary travel. After weighing the benefits verses the risk we will be discontinuing the birthday drive-by's and discourage the practice of birthday parades.
- ✓ **Long Term Facilities**, the long term facilities in the state as in Cedar Grove has been significantly impacted by COVID-19. The police have been in close communication with facility administrators and the state is formulating a statewide approach to managing COVID-19 at long term care facility.

K. Township Municipal Building

- ✓ Physical access to the municipal building will be limited until further notice. The tax collection window will not be accepting payments directly at the window. The drop box can be utilized in the lobby of town hall for all in person payments. Residents are encouraged to use online payments wherever available.
- ✓ All municipal offices will be open for information by telephone, fax or e-mail. There will be no office visitation allowed.
- ✓ In person contact with town hall employees is by appointment only and for emergent matters only.
- ✓ All Recreation programs must be applied for online, Call 973-239-1410 Ext. 220
- ✓ Cedar Grove Municipal Court is cancelled until further notice, Call 973-239-1410 Ext. 205
- ✓ The Police Records and Dispatch windows are open, better to call first, Call 973-239-4100
- ✓ Health Department, operating remotely,

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- Anyone needing assistance call 973-239-1410 Ext. 224

L. Building/Fire/Electric/Plumbing Inspections

- ✓ Department of Public Works, split shifts, no employees out call 973-239-1410 Ext. 280
- ✓ Pick up and drop off of permit applications will be by appointment only. Appointments can be arranged by calling (973) 239-1410 Ext. 246. You may be asked some screening questions at the time of setting up the appointment.
- ✓ In an effort to minimize contract, inspector will be using discretion when entering dwellings. To minimize interaction, only one individual need be present and only limited to contractor, homeowner or an authorized representative.
- ✓ All non-essential inspections will be suspended until after April 27, 2020. Only inspections related to closings prior to March 30, 2020 will be scheduled prior to April 27, 2020. All other inspections will resume April 27, 2020 if conditions permit.

M. Public Works/Water Sewer Department

- ✓ All non-emergent in home work will be suspended until after April 27, 2020 if conditions permit.
- ✓ All water meter installations are suspended until April 27, 2020.
- ✓ Water meter reading will only be performed electronically. There will be no in home water meter reading. Residents who require physical reads may self-read the meter and call or e-mail information. Final water meter readings will be by appointment only. Only one person may be present during the final read similar to number 2 above.

N. Recreation Facilities

- ✓ All recreation program are suspended until further notice when conditions permit resumption.
- ✓ All township recreation facilities are closed until further notice when conditions permit resumption.
- ✓ Governor Murphy issued executive order 118 on 4-7-2020 whereas as all state parks and forests and county parks must close to the public as long as this Order remains in effect.

O. Cedar Grove Public Library

- ✓ The Cedar Grove Public Library is closed until further notice consistent with the Cedar Grove Public School closing. Notification will be made upon anticipated reopening.

P. Senior/Medical Transportation

- ✓ Normal senior bus routes have been modified to limit trips to food and pharmacy trips only. It is strongly recommended food purchases be made on-line or via phone orders with the bus service used for pick up and payment.

Q. Solid Waste and Recycling

- ✓ All solid waste, recycling, bulk waste and vegetative waste pickup will resume on a normal schedule until further notice.
- ✓ The township recycling center will be open normal scheduled hours.

R. Township Council/Board/Committee Meeting

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- ✓ The regular scheduled Township Council meetings will be conducted via video conference. Public participation methods for future meetings will be posted to allow public interaction consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act and directives from the Governors' Office. Go to the township web site for additional information. All board and advisory committee meeting have been postponed until further notice when conditions allow.