

# COVID-19 Newsletter

City of Atlantic City



## Gov. Murphy's New Announcements

June 21, 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-

- Indoor gatherings permitted at whichever number is lower – 25% of a building's capacity or 50 people total;
- Limit on outdoor gatherings raised to 100 people;
- In-person customer services at Motor Vehicle Commission;

- Limited in-person retail; and
- Libraries permitted to provide curbside pick-up.

Beginning on June 22-

- 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;
- Masks required to be worn;
- All stores limited to 50% capacity;
- Restaurants may provide take-out or outdoor dining;
- Food court seating and common seating areas remain closed;
- Theaters and arcades remain closed.

Beginning on July 6-

- Youth summer camps;
- Camps must submit the Youth Camp Attestation Form to the Department of Health.

## AC Library Summer Reading Program

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will be offering a summer reading program. The program will run from June 29 to August 15. There will be groups for children 0 to 12 years old, teenagers 13 to 18, and adults that are 18 and older. Participants will be

able to track their reading, complete challenges and upload book reviews to unlock digital badges and prizes. Weekly online programs will also be available. Online registration begins June 20 at [acfpl.readsquared.com](http://acfpl.readsquared.com).



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# Atlantic Cape Community College Offers Free Online Training

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, please know that Atlantic Cape is dedicated to supporting your learning needs. As part of their commitment to workforce development in Atlantic and Cape May Counties, Atlantic Cape in conjunction with Ed2Go is offering ten free Self-Paced Tutorials (SPT) online. Successful completion of each tutorial will provide you with a certificate of completion. For more information, go to <https://www.ed2go.com/accc/>. To participate in this free offer, please register by June 30.

- **Creating Web Pages:** Learn the basics of HTML so you can design, create, and post your very own site on the Web.
- **Creating WordPress Websites:** Learn how to create websites with WordPress, the world's most popular website building platform.

- **Fundamentals of Supervision and Management:** Learn the people skills required to motivate and delegate, and learn tools for solving problems and resolving conflicts.
- **Twelve Steps to a Successful Job Search:** Learn how to get the job you want in any economy with these twelve steps.
- **Keys to Effective Communication:** Lost for words? Don't be! Learn to build rapport, trust, warmth, and respect through conversation.
- **Managing Customer Service:** Become indispensable to any organization by understanding how to identify and meet customer needs.
- **Marketing Your Business on the Internet:** Develop an

Internet marketing plan for your business that incorporates SEO, advertising, email, social media, and more.

- **Personal Finance:** Protect your assets and discover how best to achieve all your financial goals.
- **Small Business Marketing on a Shoestring:** Discover small business marketing strategies that can help you attract attention, woo your target audience, grow your customer base, and expand your profits all for little or no money.
- **Individual Excellence:** Master twelve career-enhancing skills including goal setting, time management, personal organization, and creativity.

## Upcoming Food Distribution

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, many organizations have provided food assistance to residents of Atlantic City and Atlantic County.

The Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) and their partners will be distributing food on Thursday, June 25 at Bader Field. The distribution begins at 10:00 AM and is drive-up only. People will not be getting out of their cars. Food will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis for Atlantic City residents and employees of Bally's Atlantic City and Caesars Atlantic City. Registration is

required at the Community Food Bank website, <https://cfbnj.org/>.

Friends in Action and their partners will be distributing food at the following locations and times:

Tuesday, June 23 beginning at 12:00 PM at Shore Park Low Rise (911 Mediterranean Avenue). Identification is required.

Wednesday, June 24 beginning at 12:00 PM at Shore Park Low Rise (911 Mediterranean Avenue).

Thursday, June 25 beginning at 12:00 PM at 2709 Fairmount Avenue. Identification is required.

The Fellowship of Churches of the Atlantic City & Vicinity and The National Pan-Hellenic Council of Atlantic County are offering a free food give-away on Wednesday, June 24. The distribution will take place from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM at the Atlantic Cape Community College at the corner of Kentucky and Baltic Avenues. Food will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

# 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](http://www.cityofatlanticcity.org)), click "COVID-19 Testing", and follow the prompts. If further assistance is needed, call 609-318-6990.

## Outdoor Restaurant Seating Available

The City of Atlantic City is now accepting outdoor seating applications from restaurants, bars, and other food or beverage facilities to allow for food or beverage establishments to provide in-person outdoor dining. This only applies to any existing properly licensed establishment.

Local establishments seeking approval must submit to the City's Planning & Development Department a completed application and fulfill the checklist of requirements. In addition, they must provide a layout of the proposed tables and chairs, necessary insurance documentation, and a copy of the Certificate of Land Use Compliance (CLUC) provided by the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA), if required. This information can be found on the Atlantic City website, [cityofatlanticcity.org](http://cityofatlanticcity.org), and returned via mail to City Hall at 1301 Bacharach Boulevard, Suite 506. This information can also be sent via email to both of the following

email addresses: [msmoore@cityofatlanticcity.org](mailto:msmoore@cityofatlanticcity.org) and [mayub@cityofatlanticcity.org](mailto:mayub@cityofatlanticcity.org).

Establishments offering outdoor service must receive the required approvals before offering food and/or beverage in these areas.

The New Jersey Department of Health has issued policies with respect to business protocols and requirements for employees and customers. Customers should expect the following while at an establishment:

- Informed that safety measures such as social distancing, wearing face coverings when they are away from their table and unable to social distance or when they are inside the indoor portion of the premises of the food or beverage establishment (unless the customer has a medical reason for not doing so or is a child under two years of age), and hygiene practices must be adhered to while in the food or beverage establishment;



- Encouraged to make reservations;
- Encouraged to wait in their cars or away from the food or beverage establishment while waiting for a table if outdoor wait area cannot accommodate social distancing;
- Alerted via calls/texts to limit touching and use of shared objects such as pagers/buzzers;
- Encouraged to use digital menus;
- Declined entry to the indoor portion of the establishment when not wearing a face covering, unless the customer has a medical reason for not doing so or is a child under two years of age; and
- Provided a hand sanitizer station for customers.

# 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](http://www.cityofatlanticcity.org) /    @AtlanticCityGov

Atlantic City Police Department- 609.347.5780 / [www.acpolice.org](http://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](http://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

Summer is here and Atlantic City will once again be the destination of millions of visitors. However, this summer will be especially challenging as we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to do everything possible in order to protect the health, well-being and safety of our residents, visitors and those who work in our great city.

Once City Hall and all city-owned facilities re-open, you will notice that we have taken great measures to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. Plexiglass dividers and hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed, PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) is being utilized, and a social distancing policy has been established. Deep cleaning, sanitizing and the disinfecting of surfaces throughout City Hall and city-owned facilities is being

performed on a daily basis. Also, a drop box has been installed on the side entrance of City Hall for your convenience and safety.

At this time, public meetings will continue to be conducted through video conferencing, such as Zoom, in order to help protect city employees, board members and meeting attendees.

The extra precautions that we're taking, and the work that we have done since last March when the pandemic first hit, is vital to ensure public health. As you know, these past few months have been challenging for each and every one of us.

The City of Atlantic City continues to work with the State of New Jersey and various agencies to make sure we follow important guidelines, implement proper policy and utilize the latest protocol and procedures

to best address the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, we operate with transparency to make sure the public is well-informed and completely aware and up-to-date.

I ask you to please continue to follow the guidelines established to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus: practice social distancing, wash your hands thoroughly, cover your face in public, and avoid crowds as much as possible; and please check on your neighbor to make sure he or she is okay.

Remember, we are in this together...and together we will get through this!

Yours in service to the community,

Marty Small, Sr.  
Mayor