

South Harrison Township



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From the Office of the Mayor,

Dear Residents, (update March 21, 2020)

Governor Murphy issued a "stay-at-home" order on Saturday, stating that while "It's no time to panic" "it's no time for business as usual". The orders shall take effect on Saturday at 9 p.m. There are certain exceptions, such as obtaining essential goods or services, seeking medical attention, visiting family or close friends, reporting to work or engaging in outdoor activities.

The order also prohibits all gatherings of individuals, such as parties, celebrations, or other social events. When in public, individuals must practice social distancing and stay at least six feet apart whenever possible, excluding immediate family members, caretakers and household members or romantic partners, he said.

The executive order further directs the closure of all non-essential retail businesses to the public, with the exceptions of:

Grocery stores, farmer's markets and farms that sell directly to customers, and other food stores, including retailers that offer a varied assortment of foods comparable to what exists at a grocery store; Pharmacies and medical marijuana dispensaries; Medical supply stores; Gas stations; Convenience stores; Ancillary stores within healthcare facilities; Hardware and home improvement stores; Banks and other financial institutions; Laundromats and dry-cleaning services; 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.

This does not limit: The provision of health care or medical services; Access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; the operations of the media; Law enforcement agencies, or the operations of the federal government.

Additionally, the order mandates that all businesses or non-profits, wherever practicable, must accommodate their workforce for telework or work-from-home arrangements. To the extent a business or non-profit has employees that cannot perform their functions via telework or work-from-home arrangements, the business or non-profit should make best efforts to reduce staff on site to the minimal number necessary.

Examples of employees who need to be present at their work site in order to perform their job duties include:

Law enforcement officers

Firefighters and other first responders
Cashiers or store clerks
Construction workers
Utility workers
Repair workers
Warehouse workers
Lab researchers
IT maintenance workers
Janitorial and custodial staff
Certain administrative staff

The order continues existing bans on recreational and entertainment businesses, requirements that all restaurants operate by delivery and takeout only, and the directive that all pre-K, elementary, and secondary schools close and all institutions of higher education cease in-person instruction.

For "all questions" see below;

Have general questions about COVID-19? The NJ Poison Control Center and 211 have partnered with the State to provide information to the public on COVID-19:

Call: 2-1-1

Call (24/7): 1-800-962-1253

Text: NJCOVID to 898-211

Visit nj.gov/health for additional information

Joseph M. Marino, Mayor