

SAFETY DIRECTOR BULLETIN

June 2020

Updated Guidance on Indoor & Outdoor Gatherings and Reopening Outdoor Pools and the Reopening Timeline of New Jersey as of June 15, 2020

Through March and early April, Governor Murphy's Executive Orders #103, #104, #107, #110 and # 118 effectively closed all non-essential gatherings and activities in New Jersey. Starting on April 29, Governor Murphy, under a series of Executive Orders, started to reopen New Jersey. The Safety Director offers the timeline of activities that have been opened, or are scheduled to be opened so that our members can ensure they are taking the proper steps to reopen their facilities and activities. Hyperlinks to documents are provided for your reference.

May 2, 2020

State parks and golf courses are permitted to be reopened for activities such as walking or jogging, with certain restrictions under [Executive Order #133](#). County and municipal parks may be reopened with at least the same restriction.

Playgrounds must remain closed.

May 13, 2020

Gatherings that occur entirely in vehicles may take place with specified safeguards under [Executive Order # 142](#).

May 18, 2020

Non-essential construction projects may restart, with social distancing and other provisions in place under Executive Order #142.

May 19, 2020

Certain restrictions regarding play on golf courses were eased under [Executive Order #147](#).

May 22, 2020

Beaches, boardwalks, lakes and lakefronts may reopen with social distancing and other restrictions in place by [Executive Order # 143](#).

Swimming allowed in State parks in designated areas by EO #143.

Community gardens, batting cages, archery and shooting ranges, tennis clubs and golf driving ranges can reopen with occupant limits and social distancing safeguards established as per Executive Order #147.

Outdoor gatherings are now permitted up to 25 persons under [Executive Order # 148](#), indoor gatherings remain at maximum of 10 persons.

Campgrounds may reopen under Executive Order #148.

June 9, 2020

Indoor gatherings may take place if the number of attendees is limited to 25% of the capacity of the room, and not be larger than 50 persons under [Executive Order # 152](#). Attendees at the gathering are required to be six feet apart from other attendees at all times, excluding immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners. Attendees must wear face coverings at all times except when doing so would inhibit the individual's health or where the individual is under two years of age. Organizers of the gathering should demarcate six feet spacing, restrict sharing of equipment, and use contactless options for donations or registration fees.

Indoor gatherings of less than 10 persons are not required to adhere to the above restrictions for larger gatherings, but all individuals at the gathering should wear face coverings at all times, except when doing so would inhibit the individual's health or when the individual is under two years of age.

Outdoor gatherings may now be limited to a maximum of 100 persons under Executive Order # 152. Social distancing, facial coverings, and other safeguards must be established. Outdoor religious services and political activity, such as a protests, are not required to comply with the provisions of the outdoor gathering paragraphs of the Executive Order.

New Jersey Stay-at-Home Order is rescinded under [Executive Order #153](#).

June 15, 2020

Childcare Centers may resume operations. New Jersey Department of Children and Families provides [COVID-19 Resources for Licensed Childcare](#). Centers may open earlier for staff to prepare for children. If considering reopening a Childcare facility, please utilize the [CDC Childcare Program Decision Tree](#).

Restaurants, cafeterias, dining establishments, and food courts, with or without a liquor license, bars, and all other holders of a liquor license with retail consumption privileges, collectively referred to as "food or beverage establishments," are permitted to offer in-person service at outdoor areas, provided that the establishment complies with social distancing, food handling, and other safeguards under [Executive Order #150](#). Municipalities may permit food and beverage establishment to expand to sidewalks, streets, parks and other areas to accommodate outdoor dining.

Picnic areas and pavilions at State parks may re-open under Executive Order 150.

Brick-and-mortar premises of non-essential retail businesses may re-open to the public with social distancing, limiting occupancies, and other safeguards in place under Executive Order #150.

June 22, 2020

Outdoor organized sports and activities that do not involve person-to-person contact or routinely entail individuals interacting within six feet of one another under Executive Order #149.

Outdoor swimming pools are permitted to open provided they comply with [New Jersey COVID-19 Outdoor Pool Standard](#) under Executive Order #153. Pools may open before June 22 for lifeguard training and swim lessons. Aquatic recreational facilities, indoor recreational facilities, and playgrounds associated with the pool must remain closed. Food establishments associated with the pool may offer take-out or delivery services, or set-up outside dining in accordance with Executive Order #150.

Additional resources include the [CDC for Considerations for Public Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds During COVID-19](#).

Under [Executive Order #154](#), personal care services facilities are permitted to open provided the facility complies with standards issued by the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs and New Jersey Department of Health. Personal care services include beauty salons, barber shops, cosmetology shops, day & medical spas, electrolysis facilities, hair braiding shops, massage parlors, nail salons, tanning salons, and tattoo parlors.

June 30, 2020

High school sporting activities under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (“NJSIAA”) may resume in accordance with reopening protocols issued by NJSIAA under Executive Order #149. Additional resource include [CDC Consideration for Youth Sports](#).

July 6, 2020

Youth Summer Camps centers may begin operations provided they comply with the [New Jersey COVID-19 Youth Summer Camp Standards](#), and submit the [New Jersey Youth Camp COVID-19 Attestation Form](#) to the New Jersey Department of Health under Executive Order # 149. Camps may engage in pre-operational activities prior to July 6. See the earlier MEL Institute Safety Bulletin <https://njce.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/JAM-Safety-Bulletin-Reopening-Outdoor-Activities-Facilities-6.2020.pdf>.

Additional resources include [CDC Suggestions for Youth and Summer Camps](#) and the [CDC Youth Programs and Camps Decision Tree](#).

Reopening continues to be a rapidly changing landscape. The Safety Director will closely monitor future executive Orders and work diligently to keep our members informed.