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Please note that information highlighted in yellow reflects new and updated information.

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(Clifton) - The Clifton Health Department, in consultation with the City Manager, Mayor and Council, understands that residents are concerned about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The City of Clifton has had **5 additional cases since Saturday**, bringing the total case count to **2,643**. **Please note that this total is reflective of all of the transfers and duplicates found this weekend.**

With sadness, we are announcing **an additional two COVID-19-related deaths**, involving a 96-year old female and a 60-year old female. Our sincerest condolences go out to the loved ones of this community member. The City of Clifton now has a total of **140 deaths**.

Of these deaths, 41 have involved residents at the Daughters of Miriam Nursing Home. Please be advised that this number is reflective of the deaths identified in the **Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System.**

As a reminder, this count excludes all of the transfers, duplicates, and Little Falls cases, all of which are indicated on the spreadsheet attachment. Please see attachment for more information on cases.

The Health Department is in the process of contacting earlier COVID-19 cases for follow-up. A "Follow-Up Status" column has been added to the spreadsheet attachment to give the community a better understanding of the number of recoveries so far. This column will be updated regularly as we receive information from follow-up interviews.

On 6/13/2020, Governor Murphy announced that the following locations may reopen on June 22nd:

- Beauty salons
- Barber shops
- Cosmetology shops
- Day & medical spas
- Electrology facilities
- Hair braiding shops
- Massage parlors

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- Nail salons
- Tanning salons
- Tattoo parlors

Guidance for personal care businesses is forthcoming from the New Jersey Department of Health.

Additionally, beginning on June 15, 2020, libraries will be permitted to do curbside pickups.

On 6/9/2020, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order #153 authorizing the reopening of pools (municipal and private club pools), effective 6/22/2020. All outdoor recreational and entertainment businesses that were previously closed may also reopen, with the exceptions of amusement parks, water parks, and arcades.

Clifton restaurants that plan to reopen for outdoor dining on 6/15/2020 must complete the Application for License and provide a detailed seating/plot plan to the City for approval. Restaurants must also comply with Executive Order #150, signed by Governor Murphy on 6/3/2020. To fill out the application, or for more information on guidelines and procedures that must be followed, please visit: <https://www.cliftonnj.org/344/Outdoor-Cafe-Application-2020>.

On 6/3/2020, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order #150, permitting outdoor dining effective Monday, June 15th. Establishments will be required to follow a number of COVID-19 health and safety protocols issued by the Department of Health, including a limit of eight customers per table, and requirements of at least six feet of distance between parties. In addition, for as long as indoor dining is not permitted, food or beverage establishments are required to prohibit smoking in any outdoor areas designated for the consumption of food and/or beverages.

For more information on the Governor's Executive Order, please visit <https://www.nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-150.pdf>. For additional information on the health and safety protocols established by the Department of Health, please visit <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/docs/ExecutiveDirective20-014OutdoorDining.pdf>.

The Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders is offering free COVID-19 testing at home in partnership with Vault Health. This program is available to Passaic County residents only. Health insurance is not required. For more information, or to register, please check out this link:

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https://www.passaiccountynj.org/government/departments/health/at-home_covid-19_testing/index.php.

The State of New Jersey has recently authorized the more than 18,000 licensed pharmacists in New Jersey to administer FDA-approved or authorized COVID-19 tests to their customers without a prescription. Testing is available at participating pharmacies including CVS, Rite-Aid, and Walmart. Please check with your local pharmacist as testing is not available at all locations and many require an appointment or online registration. For more information, [CVS](#), [Rite-Aid](#) and [Walmart](#) have set up websites where you can book an appointment and find testing locations.

Appointments can be scheduled for COVID-19 testing at the Clifton Rite Aid, located at 1366 Clifton Ave. Appointments are required. For information on all Rite Aid locations that are currently offering testing, or to schedule an appointment, please refer to this link: <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing>.

Until further notice, the Bergen Community College (BCC) Testing Site will be open Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Each day the site is open, staff will be able to test 500 people starting at 8:00am. Effective Sunday, May 3, 2020, exhibiting symptoms is no longer a requirement for testing at BCC. 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 PNC Bank Arts Center site will open at 8:00am on Mondays and Wednesdays for the general public and on Saturdays for health care workers and first responders only. Effective Monday, May 4, 2020, exhibiting symptoms is no longer a requirement 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.

William Paterson University will be open for COVID-19 testing at 9:00am on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. You must have a doctor's referral/prescription to be tested. Residents under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The updated testing schedule can be found at this link: <http://covid19.nj.gov/testing>.

In the attachment, you will notice that we have now included ALL cases we have received so far, including Little Falls cases and transferred cases. This does not change today's total case count, and it is being done for our convenience in order to better track our cases. Additionally, due to a

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large volume of cases, you will notice that many of the boxes in the case information attachment are labeled “under investigation.” We are still in the process of following-up with individuals and obtaining this data. We will continue to update this spreadsheet as this information becomes available.

As a reminder, at this time, we are unable to provide an update on the number of recoveries. As we begin the process of following-up with our cases, we will provide the community with this information at a later date.

If you receive a call from the Clifton Health Department for case follow-up, there are specific questions we would ask. We would **never** ask for your social security number, so if you receive a call from anyone claiming to be a representative of the Clifton Health Department who asks for your social security number, please hang up immediately and report it to the Police Department at 973-470-5911.

We would like to take a moment to remind the community that all residents, regardless of age, need to take the COVID-19 pandemic very seriously and must practice the precautions mentioned below. **To help stop the spread, everyone must do their part.** Please **stay home** unless it is absolutely necessary to leave your home.

To reduce your risk of coming into contact with COVID-19, as per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please be sure that you:

- Practice handwashing regularly for at least 20 seconds
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Stay home, especially when you are sick, and avoid close contact with people who are sick

In addition, be sure to practice the following social distancing measures:

- Keep a distance of at least 6 feet with other people
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact, such as handshaking
- Avoid attending crowded events and social gatherings. Consider replacing in-person gatherings with video chatting, voice messaging and phone calls

As of 4/3/2020, the CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies). The CDC advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings should: fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, be secured with ties or



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ear loops, include multiple layers of fabric, allow for breathing without restriction, be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.

The cloth face coverings recommended are **not** surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance. For more information on cloth face masks, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf>.

The Health Department does not have the capacity to distribute masks, sanitizers, and other supplies to the public.

The CDC has recently expanded its list of COVID-19 symptoms to include the following:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

Some people who are exposed may show mild symptoms, while others may show severe illness. Remember that symptoms can appear **anywhere from 2-14 days after an exposure.**

Out of an abundance of caution, the following locations in the City of Clifton will remain closed to the public until further notice:

- Clifton City Hall
- Clifton Municipal Court (sessions have been suspended until further notice)
- Clifton Public Schools
- Fire Headquarters
- Clifton DPW Garage
- Clifton Senior Center (Seniors who are in need of a meal should call Margaret Nysk at 973-470-2249)
- Clifton Arts Center
- Boys and Girls Club of Clifton
- Clifton Recreation Center
- Clifton Public Libraries

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- Clifton Hamilton House Museum
- City Well
- Clifton Animal Shelter (appointments are available to come in. Please visit www.cliftonanimalshelter.com for more information or call 973-470-5936 with any questions)

In addition, for clarification, Clifton parks may only be utilized for walking, running or bicycling only. If you plan on attending a park, you must have a mask on (that covers your nose and mouth) at all times. There is to be no congregating or stopping at any time.

Residents are still able to continue to conduct business with the City during the closure through use of the City's website. In addition, staff in each department are available during regular business hours by telephone to assist residents and answer questions.

The following executive orders signed by Governor Murphy remain in effect:

Executive Order 107 amendments, signed on 3/30/2020, which include the following:

- Auto dealerships will be permitted to conduct online or remote sales. Dealers will be authorized to deliver vehicles directly to their customers, or to arrange for curbside or service lane pickup at a dealership.
- Realtors can operate and show houses to prospective buyers on a one-on-one basis or to immediate families. There is still a prohibition on open houses.

Executive Order 125, signed on 4/11/2020, directing New Jersey Transit and all private carriers to cut the capacity on all trains, buses, light rail vehicles, and paratransit vehicles to 50% of their maximum. NJ Transit and all private carriers will be required to provide their employees with gloves and face coverings. All riders will also be required to wear a face covering when traveling through NJ Transit or with a private carrier, unless they absolutely cannot for medical reasons.

Additionally, Governor Murphy has expanded the requirement to wear a face covering to ALL customers heading into any one of the restaurants and bars that remain in operation as they get their takeout orders. Restaurants and bars must now give face coverings and gloves to all their food-service personnel. A face covering does not mean a medical-grade mask. There are any number of ways you can cover your mouth and nose with a bandana or a homemade fabric covering.

Executive Order 133, signed on 4/29/2020, re-opening state/county parks and golf courses. Here is what you need to know:

- Playgrounds, visitor centers, pavilions and restrooms will remain closed
- Parking will be capped at 50%



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- Social distancing will be mandated
- No picnics, organized activities, or team sports will be permitted

Executive Order 142, signed on 5/13/2020, which allows the following:

- **The restart of non-essential construction, effective 5/18/2020 at 6:00am.** Safeguards must be put in place, including clear posting of safety protocols, preventing overcrowding, prohibiting non-essential visitors, staggering work hours and breaks, and ensuring proper sanitation.
- **Non-essential retail stores to reopen for curbside pickup, effective 5/18/2020.** No customers will be allowed inside.
- **Drive-in events under social distancing guidelines, effective immediately**

Executive Order 143, signed on 5/14/2020, allowing beaches, boardwalks, lakes, and lakeshores to remain open with social distancing measures in place. The Order takes effect on Friday, May 22. The Order further states that restaurants and bars located on the beaches, boardwalks, lakes and lakeshores are still limited to delivery and take-out services only and that amusements parks and arcades, and other places of public amusement located on the beaches, boardwalks, lakes, and lakeshores remain closed.

Executive Order 145, signed on 5/15/2020, allowing for the resumption of elective surgical and other invasive procedures, effective 5/26/2020.

Executive Order 147, signed on 5/18/2020, allowing some additional outdoor recreational areas and businesses to restart their operations, effective 5/22/2020:

- Golf ranges
- Batting cages
- Horseback riding
- Private tennis clubs
- Community gardens
- Shooting and archery ranges

Executive Order 149, signed on 5/29/2020, which includes the following:

- Child care centers may reopen effective 6/15
- Non-contact organized sports activities can restart on 6/22
- Youth day camps can begin on 7/6

Executive Order 151, signed on 6/5/2020, extending the State's public health emergency for an additional 30 days.



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Executive Order 152, signed on 6/9/2020, raising the limit on both indoor and outdoor gatherings. Indoor gatherings will be permitted at whichever number is lower – 25% of a building's capacity OR 50 people total. The limit on outdoor gatherings will be raised to 100 people

For more information pertaining to Governor Murphy's executive orders, please refer to this link: https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/approved/eo_archive.html

On 5/4/2020, Governor Murphy announced that all schools will remain closed for in-person instruction for the remainder of the school year in order to protect the health of students, educators, and their families.

On 5/18/2020, Governor Murphy announced a plan to begin to cautiously re-open the State of New Jersey. Please refer to this link for more information: <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/general-public/how-does-new-jersey-plan-to-lift-restrictions-what-does-a-responsible-and-strategic-restart-of-new-jerseys-economy-look-like>

On 5/19/2020, Governor Murphy released an administrative order to allow for in-person sales to resume, effective 6:00am on 5/20/2020, at car and motorcycle dealerships, and bicycle shops.

On 5/27/2020, Governor Murphy announced that professional sports teams which train or play in New Jersey are allowed to practice and engage in games or matches, if their leagues resume competition. Necessary protocols must be followed to protect the health and safety of players, coaches, and personnel.

On 6/5/2020, Governor Murphy announced that on June 15, 2020, in-person customer services will restart at Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), with a variety of pick-up and drop-off services. One June 29, 2020, MVC aims to be able to offer behind-the-wheel road tests, and issue new licenses and permits.

Effective, 6/9/2020, the stay-at-home order has been lifted. However, residents are strongly urged to continue to practice appropriate precautions, such as wearing a face covering when going out and maintaining social distancing.

For general questions pertaining to COVID-19, please call the New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline at 211 or text NJCOVID to 898-211. Please also feel free to visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/> for more information. For mental health-related concerns during COVID-19, call the Disaster Distress Hotline at 1-800-985-5990 or text "talk with us" at 66746. If you wish to get in touch with the Clifton Health Department for general COVID-19 questions, please email Health Educator Layal Helwani at Lhelwani@cliftonnj.org.