



Town of Clinton Police/OEM

NJ State Executive Order 183 takes effect 9/4/2020.

Advisement 2020-27 Indoor Dining 9/1/20

1. Effective at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, September 4, 2020, **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 indoor areas, provided that the establishment complies with the following requirements:**

- a. Limit the number of patrons in indoor areas to 25 percent of the food or beverage establishment’s indoor capacity, excluding the food or beverage establishment’s employees;
- b. Ensure that tables where individuals or groups are seated are six feet apart in all directions from any other table or seat and that individual seats in any shared area that is not reserved for individual groups, such as an indoor bar area, are also six feet apart in all directions from any other table or seat; 5
- c. Require indoor patrons to wear face coverings while inside the indoor premises of the food or beverage establishment. When seated at their table or their individual seat, indoor patrons shall wear face coverings until their food or drinks arrive, and after individuals have finished consuming their food or drinks, they shall put their face coverings back on. The face covering requirement does not apply if the patron has a medical reason for not wearing a face covering or is a child under two years of age;
- d. Food or beverage establishments shall only allow patrons to place orders for indoor table service when they are seated at a table or bar, and only wait staff or other employees may bring food or beverages to seated patrons;
- e. Patrons may only consume food or beverages while seated; and
- f. Abide by all other health and safety standards issued by the Commissioner of DOH, including infection control practices and other sanitization protocols, consistent with her authority under the Emergency Health Powers Act.

2. Effective at 6:00 a.m. on September 4, 2020, **entertainment centers where performances are viewed or given, including movie theaters, performing arts**

centers, and other concert venues, may open their indoor spaces to the public, subject to the following requirements:

- a. Limit the number of patrons in any indoor room where a performance is viewed or given to 25 percent of the stated maximum capacity, if applicable, at one time, excluding the entertainment business's employees, but regardless of the capacity of the room, such limit shall never be larger than 150 persons; 6
- b. Individuals who purchase or reserve tickets together may be seated together, but must be six feet away from all other groups or individuals in all directions;
- c. Require that reservations, cancellations, and pre-payments be made via electronic or telephone reservation systems to limit physical interactions. Such policies shall, wherever possible, consider populations that do not have access to internet service or credit cards;
- d. Install a physical barrier, such as a shield guard, between visitors and employees wherever feasible or otherwise ensure six feet of distance between those individuals, except at the moment of payment;
- e. Limit the use of equipment rented or otherwise provided by the business to one person at a time, excluding immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners, and sanitize such equipment before and after use;
- f. Demarcate and post signs that denote six feet of spacing in all commonly used and other applicable areas or where people may form a line;
- g. Require infection control practices, such as regular hand washing, coughing and sneezing etiquette, and proper tissue usage and disposal;
- h. Provide employees break time for repeated handwashing throughout the workday;
- i. Provide sanitization materials, such as hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes, to staff and customers;
- j. Limit occupancy in restrooms that remain open to avoid over-crowding and maintain social distancing through signage and, where practicable, the utilization of attendants to monitor capacity; 7
- k. Require frequent sanitization of high-touch areas including, at minimum, the following cleaning protocols:
 - i. Routinely clean and disinfect all high-touch areas in accordance with DOH and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") guidelines, particularly in spaces that are accessible to staff, customers, or members, or other individuals, including, but not limited to, restroom and locker facilities, counter tops, hand rails, door knobs, other common surfaces, safety equipment, and other frequently touched surfaces including employee used equipment, and ensure cleaning procedures following a known or potential exposure in compliance with CDC recommendations;
 - ii. Clean and disinfect equipment that is rented in accordance with CDC and DOH guidelines; and
 - iii. Train and equip employees to perform the above protocols effectively and in a manner that promotes the safety of the visitors and staff;
- l. Place additional restrictions on areas of the business, as necessary, to limit person-to-person interactions and facilitate appropriate social distancing;

- m. Immediately separate and send home workers who appear to have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 illness upon arrival at work or who become sick during the day;
- n. Promptly notify workers of any known exposure to COVID-19 at the worksite, consistent with the confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and any other applicable laws;
- o. Clean and disinfect the worksite in accordance with CDC guidelines when a worker at the site has been diagnosed with COVID-19 illness; 8
- p. Continue to follow guidelines and directives issued by the New Jersey DOH, the CDC, and the Occupational Health and Safety Administration, as applicable, for maintaining a clean, safe and healthy work environment;
- q. Ensure that staff practice regular hand hygiene when interacting with the public. Businesses may adopt policies that require staff to wear gloves, in addition to regular hand hygiene. Where a business requires its staff to wear gloves while at the worksite, the business must provide such gloves to staff;
- r. Require workers and customers to wear cloth face coverings while in the indoor portion of the premises, except where doing so would inhibit that individual's health or where the individual is under two years of age. Businesses must provide, at their expense, such face coverings for their employees. 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 the individual entry into the indoor premises. Nothing in the stated policy should prevent workers or customers from wearing a surgical-grade mask or other more protective face covering if the individual is already in possession of such equipment, or if the business is otherwise required to provide such worker with more protective equipment due to the nature of the work involved. Where an individual declines to wear a face covering in the indoor premises due to a medical condition that inhibits such usage, neither the essential retail business nor its staff shall require the individual to produce medical documentation verifying the stated condition; and 9
- s. The requirement listed above in Paragraph 2(p) shall not apply where impracticable, such as when individuals are eating or drinking. Individuals who are eating or drinking concessions must wear face coverings before they begin eating or drinking, and then must put their face coverings back on after they are finished eating or drinking.

3. Effective at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, September 4, 2020, Paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 5 of Executive Order No. 158 (2020) are hereby rescinded. After 6:00 a.m. on Friday, September 4, 2020, any retail, recreational, and entertainment business that is authorized to open its indoor premises to the public may allow the consumption of food, beverages, or smoking in those indoor premises, when otherwise permitted by State law. **The State-mandated prohibition of smoking in any outdoor areas designated for the consumption of food and/or beverages shall sunset at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, September 4, 2020, although food or beverage establishments may choose to continue this prohibition** if otherwise permitted to do so by State law.

4. Paragraph 1 of Executive Order No. 173 (2020) is hereby rescinded and the number of individuals at indoor gatherings that are not religious services or celebrations, political

activities, wedding ceremonies, funerals, or memorial services shall be limited to 25 percent of the capacity of the room in which it takes place, but regardless of the capacity of the room, such limit shall never be larger than 25 persons or smaller than 10 persons. The number of individuals at indoor gatherings that are religious services or celebrations, political activities, wedding ceremonies, funerals, or memorial services shall be limited to 25 percent of the capacity of the room in which it takes place, but regardless of the capacity of the room, such limit shall never be larger than 150 persons or smaller than 10 persons. For purposes of this Paragraph, any private residence or residential unit shall be treated as a single “room.” 10

5. Paragraph 1(b) of Executive Order No. 152 (2020) is hereby rescinded and all attendees at an indoor gathering must wear face coverings at all times except where doing so would inhibit the individual’s health, where the individual is under two years of age, or when wearing a face covering is impracticable, such as when an individual is eating, drinking, or smoking.

6. While the numerical limits on indoor gatherings in Paragraph 1(a) of Executive Order No. 152 (2020) and the face covering requirement in Paragraph 1(b) of Executive Order No. 152 (2020) are hereby superseded, all other requirements for indoor gatherings contained in Paragraph 1 for Executive Order No. 152 (2020) shall remain in effect.

7. Any requirements in any Executive Order, Administrative Order, or agency directive that incorporated by reference the gatherings limits in Executive Order Nos. 107, 142, 148, 152, 156, 161, and/or 173 (2020) are amended to reflect the rules on gatherings stated in this Order.

SEO 183 takes effect 6am on Friday. This advisement is has been reduced to elements affecting Clinton residents and businesses.

Please refer to

<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-183.pdf>

for full details of NJ SEO 183.