



# Town of Clinton Police/OEM

## State Executive Order 242

### **Advisement 2021-39 Lifting Major Covid-19 Restrictions**

This order takes effect Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

**1. Individuals in indoor public spaces are not required to wear masks, regardless of their ability to maintain six feet of distance from other individuals or groups.** In accordance with CDC recommendations, individuals who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks in indoor public spaces. Paragraph 4 of Executive Order No. 155 (2020), Paragraph 1 of Executive Order No. 192 (2020), Paragraph 11 of Executive Order No. 239 (2021), and Paragraph 5 of Executive Order No. 241 (2021) are hereby superseded to the extent that they conflict with the provisions of this Order. Employers and entities overseeing public spaces in settings where masking is no longer required pursuant to the provisions of the Paragraph are permitted to impose stricter requirements regarding mask-wearing in indoor settings for employees, customers, guests, and other individuals, where otherwise consistent with federal and State law. Employers and entities overseeing public spaces shall not restrict individuals from wearing masks in those settings and shall not in any way penalize or retaliate against individuals who elect to wear a mask.

**2. In addition, for purposes of Paragraph 1 of this Order, “indoor public spaces” do not include child care centers, other child care facilities, youth summer camps,** and public, private, and parochial preschool program premises and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools, which continue to be governed by Executive Orders No. 149 (2020), No. 175 (2020), and No. 237 (2021), and any applicable standards issued by the Commissioner of the DOH. Further, “indoor public spaces” do not include indoor worksites of employers, as defined in Executive Order No. 192 (2020), that do not open their indoor spaces to the public for purposes of sale of goods, attendance at an event or activity, or provision of services.

3. **As provided for in Executive Order No. 192 (2020), all individuals shall continue to wear face coverings in indoor workplaces that are not “indoor public spaces,”** subject only to exceptions that have previously existed, such as when employees are at distanced workstations or in their own offices, and shall continue to maintain six feet of distance from others to the maximum extent possible, except in the circumstances described therein.

4. Effective Friday, May 28, 2021, the requirement in Paragraph 1 of Executive Order No. 239 (2021) and Paragraph 4 of Executive Order No. 157 (2020) that food or beverage establishments providing in-person service in indoor and/or outdoor areas limit capacity to a number that ensures all patrons can remain six feet apart is hereby rescinded. **Food and beverage establishments are not required to seat individuals or groups of individuals six feet apart at tables or at indoor bar areas.** Establishments with table service are permitted to allow patrons to place orders when not seated and to serve patrons who are not seated, and patrons may consume food or beverages while standing. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of Executive Order No. 157 (2020) and Paragraph 1 of Executive Order No. 183 (2020) are hereby superseded to the extent that they conflict with the provisions of this Order, except that establishments must continue to ensure all areas designated for food and/or beverage consumption are in conformance with applicable local, State, and Federal regulations, and must continue to abide by all other current health and safety standards issued by the Commissioner of the Department of Health on indoor and outdoor dining, as may be updated in accordance with this Order and consistent with her authority under the EHPA.

5. Effective Friday, May 28, 2021, the following **businesses that have opened their indoor and/or outdoor premises to the public are permitted to operate at full capacity without limiting occupancy to a number that ensures that all patrons or groups of patrons entering the facility together can remain six feet apart:** a. Retail establishments; b. Personal care services authorized to reopen their indoor facilities to the public pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 157 (2020); c. “Health clubs,” as defined by N.J.S.A. 56:8-39, which include gyms and fitness centers, as well as amusement and water parks, authorized to reopen their indoor facilities to the public pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Executive Order No. 181 (2020); d. Recreational and entertainment businesses that were permitted to reopen their indoor facilities to the public pursuant to Paragraph 7 of Executive Order No. 157 (2020), including pools, amusement parks, and water parks; e. Casinos, including casino gaming floors and retail sports wagering lounges; and f. Racetracks. The aforementioned businesses remain subject to any applicable directive, order, and/or guidance document issued by the Commissioner of the DOH or any other State agency, as may be updated in accordance with this Order. Paragraph 2 of Executive 10 Order No. 239 (2021) and Administrative Order No. 2020-14 are hereby rescinded.

6. Effective Friday, May 28, 2021, the requirement in Paragraph 9 of Executive Order No. 239 (2021) that all attendees at indoor gatherings, including but not limited to

gatherings that are religious services, political activities, memorial services, commercial gatherings, gatherings at private residences, performances at entertainment centers where performances are viewed or given, catered events, and sports practices and competitions, are **required to be six feet apart from other attendees, with certain exceptions, is hereby rescinded**. Where an indoor gathering occurs in a workplace that is not a public space, as defined in Paragraph 2 of this Order, the facility must continue to follow the requirements of Executive Order No. 192 (2020) regarding social distancing. In accordance with CDC recommendations, individuals who are not fully vaccinated should continue to practice social distancing.

7. Effective Friday, May 28, 2021, **sports and entertainment venues, including concert venues and stadiums, with fixed seating capacity of 1,000 or greater**, that have opened their indoor spaces to the public may continue to permit a number of patrons and/or members of the public totaling up to 30 percent of the stated maximum capacity of any room without limiting occupancy to a number that ensures that all patrons or groups of patrons entering the facility together can remain six feet apart. Paragraph 11 of Executive Order No. 239 (2021) is hereby superseded to the extent that it conflicts with the provisions of this Order.

8. **Degree-granting public and private institutions of higher education are not required to implement policies to provide for social distancing in classrooms**, residence halls, restrooms, and other areas across campus. Executive Order No. 155 (2020) is hereby superseded to the extent it conflicts with the provisions of this Order.

9. **This Order shall not supersede any social distancing requirements for child care centers, other child care facilities, youth summer camps, and public, private, and parochial preschool program premises, and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools, which continue to be governed by Executive Orders No. 149 (2020), No. 175 (2020), and No. 237 (2021), and any applicable standards issued by the Commissioner of the DOH.**

10. Effective Friday, May 28, 2021, the requirement in Paragraph 12 of Executive Order No. 239 (2021), as restated in Paragraph 1 of Executive Order No. 241 (2021), **that all attendees at outdoor gatherings, including but not limited to religious services or celebrations, political activities, weddings, funerals, memorial services, commercial gatherings, gatherings in private residences, performances at outdoor entertainment centers, catered events, and athletic practices and competitions remain six feet apart from other attendees, with certain exceptions, is hereby rescinded**.

11. Effective Friday, May 28, 2021, **sports and entertainment venues, including concert venues and stadiums, with fixed seating capacity of 1,000 or greater**, that have opened their outdoor spaces to the public are permitted to operate at full capacity without limiting occupancy to a number that ensures that all patrons or groups of patrons entering the facility together can remain six feet apart. Such venues shall continue to

follow all applicable requirements in any other Executive Order, Administrative Order, and/or Executive Directive, including, but not limited to, the requirements for outdoor dining, as applicable. Paragraph 16 of Executive Order No. 239 (2021) is superseded to the extent that it conflicts with the provisions of this Order.

12. Paragraph 3 of Executive Order No. 143 (2020) **outlining restrictions for public and private beaches, boardwalks, lakes, and lakeshores is hereby rescinded.**

13. This Order shall not supersede any **masking or social distancing requirements currently in place in indoor or outdoor spaces in health care settings**, including but not limited to long term care facilities, home health care settings, and office-based health care settings, correctional facilities, homeless shelters, and on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

14. Effective Friday, May 28, 2021, all establishments open to the public, including a food or beverage establishment, shall be permitted to **open indoor and outdoor dance floors**. Paragraph 9 of Executive Order No. 157 (2020) is hereby rescinded. The restrictions on dance floors at catered events outlined in Paragraph 9 of Executive Order No. 238 (2021) are hereby rescinded.

15. Effective Friday, May 28, 2021, **valet parking and communal play areas are permitted to open at indoor malls**. Administrative Order 2020-22 is hereby superseded to the extent that it conflicts with the provisions of this Order.

16. Effective Friday, June 4, 2021, paragraphs 3–5 and 7-8 of Executive Order No. 239 (2021) regarding the numerical limit on indoor gatherings, including but not limited to political activities, weddings, funerals, memorial services, commercial gatherings, gatherings in private residences, performances at indoor entertainment centers, catered events, and athletic practices and competitions, are hereby rescinded. **As a result, there will be no limits applying to indoor gatherings.**

17. Effective Friday, June 4, 2021, **sports and entertainment venues, including concert venues and stadiums, with a fixed seating capacity of 1,000 or greater**, that have opened their indoor spaces to the public are not subject to any percentage-based capacity restriction, and are permitted to operate at full capacity without limiting occupancy to a number that ensures that all patrons or groups of patrons entering the facility together can remain six feet apart. Such venues shall continue to follow all applicable requirements in any other Executive Order, Administrative Order, and/or Executive Directive, including, but not limited to, the requirements for indoor dining, as applicable. Paragraph 11 of Executive Order No. 239 (2021) is superseded to the extent that it conflicts with the provisions of this Order.

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