

COVID-19 Newsletter

City of Atlantic City



Hotels and Rentals Reopen

May 31, 2020

Mayor Marty Small Sr. announced that effective May 29, online marketplaces have been authorized to offer or arrange lodging in the City of Atlantic City. Similarly, hotels, motels, guesthouses, and private residences, so long as they are properly registered and licensed, have been authorized to accept new guests or seasonal tenants. This does not include casino properties.

This past week, members of the Atlantic City's Department of Licensing & Inspection visited each of the City's hotels and motels providing guidelines to ensure the

health and safety of guests and employees.

The New Jersey Restaurant & Hospitality Association prepared the "Safe Stay" guidelines.

Guidelines include recommendations for employees and guests, sanitization of public spaces and guest rooms, restrictions on restaurants, bars, meeting spaces, pools and exercise rooms.

Property owners that rent a private residence on an online marketplace such as Airbnb, VRBO or an equivalent, must register their property with Atlantic City's Department of Licensing

& Inspection. To register, contact the L&I office at 609-347-5210.

Any property owner who fails to register will be subject to immediate closing and fines. Additionally, those owners may be prevented from doing future business in Atlantic City.

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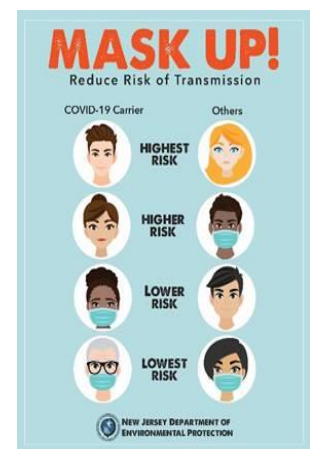
Mask Up!

As part of the state's efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is strongly encouraging the public to wear face coverings when visiting the state's open spaces.

"Mask Up!" reminds residents and visitors to bring masks to New Jersey State Parks,

beaches, forests and other public areas and wear them, especially where it is difficult to maintain a six-foot distance from others.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has emphasized the importance of using cloth face coverings to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Beach Safety Practices During COVID-19

The City of Atlantic City reminds residents and visitors to follow beach safety practices and adhere to all city beach restrictions in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. To inform and encourage compliance, signs have been posted throughout the beach and all digital signs on the Atlantic City boardwalk will display safety practices.

To ensure the safety of the members of our Atlantic City Beach Patrol and the public, cones have been placed around the lifeguard stands and rescue boats. Beachgoers are asked to stand behind those cones when speaking with the lifeguards. In addition, wooden posts have been added to show the necessary length for social distancing.

City personnel, police officers, and other ambassadors will be working to help keep public beaches open and safe and will be present to remind people to follow the rules and do their part to protect the public health of all beachgoers.

While the State's beach restrictions do not order people to wear a face covering while in public on the beach or boardwalk, the State and City are strongly encouraging people to do so, especially during busy times. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has emphasized the importance of using cloth face coverings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Cones serving as a buffer between lifeguards and the public.



Signs will be posted along the beach.



Wooden posts establishing social distancing.

COVID-19 Testing Sites for Atlantic City Residents

The City of Atlantic City is offering free COVID-19 testing to symptomatic Atlantic City residents. Testing is by appointment only at two locations.

The walk-up testing site is located in the 800 block of Atlantic Avenue in the surface parking lot of the Showboat Hotel. This site is only open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The entry point is on Delaware Avenue. Individuals can be driven to the site, but those being tested must be able to walk through the testing area without assistance.

A drive-thru site is located in the area of the Surf Stadium located at 545 N. Albany Avenue. This site is only open on Fridays.

The individual being tested does not have to be driving, they can be a passenger. Occupants are to keep their windows up until instructed. The entry point is at the intersection of Albany and Filbert Avenues.

Reliance Medical Group, a primary healthcare provider based in Northfield, is conducting the medical testing.

Both sites are open from 10 AM to 2 PM. In order to be tested, the individual must:

- Have a COVID-19 test prescription from their doctor (if an individual is symptomatic and does not possess a prescription, a Reliance

physician on-site can provide the prescription),

- Read and accept the consent form (available in the appointment portal),
- Have an appointment,
- Have a copy of the appointment confirmation,
- Have identification proving the individual is an Atlantic City resident.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, visit the City of Atlantic City website (www.cityofatlanticcity.org), click "COVID-19 Testing", and follow the prompts. If further assistance is needed, call 609-318-6990.

Important Safety Tips to Remember

In order to keep you, your family, and everyone safe during this pandemic, remember to follow these simple safety tips:

- If you can, stay home.
- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds.
- Maintain social distance of at least six feet.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect regularly used surfaces.
- Stay home if you do not feel well.
- If you have a fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, seek medical care.
- Wear a face cover

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Recognizing that many people in Atlantic City have lost income as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) reminds households that applications are still being accepted for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The federally-funded program, which is administered by DCA in New Jersey, assists individuals and families with their home heating and medically-necessary cooling bills and provides emergency heating system services and emergency fuel assistance.

To be eligible for LIHEAP assistance, households must be responsible for home energy costs, either directly or included in the rent, and have a gross income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Persons who live in public housing and/or receive rental assistance are not eligible unless they are responsible for their own energy costs paid directly to the fuel supplier. The amount of the LIHEAP benefit is determined by income, household size, fuel type, and region.

The LIHEAP application also serves as an application for the Universal Service Fund (USF) Program, which is state funded and administered by DCA. USF helps

low-income households pay for their electric and natural gas costs.

To be eligible for USF, a household must have a gross income at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level and pay more than 3 percent of its annual income for electric (6 percent if the home also has electric heat) or more than 3 percent of its annual income for natural gas.

People can find out if they qualify for assistance for LIHEAP, USF, and other DCA programs by completing DCA's anonymous online screening tool called *DCAid* at www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid.

People can also dial 2-1-1 any day, any time to speak with a call specialist who can provide the locations and hours of local LIHEAP application agencies, explain how home energy assistance programs work, check on the status of a LIHEAP application once it has been submitted, and help find alternative resources if a person doesn't qualify for LIHEAP and/or USF benefits. The United Ways of New Jersey funds NJ 2-1-1 in partnership with the State of New Jersey.

For a list of agencies that accept LIHEAP applications and more

information, people can visit the DCA website at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/energy.html> or call toll free: 1-800-510-3102.

Local agencies are accepting inquiries and applications through email and through secure drop boxes in front of their offices, to ensure social distancing.

The chart below provides the current maximum monthly pre-tax income eligibility levels for both LIHEAP and USF.



Household Size	LIHEAP	USF
1	\$2,082	\$1,926
2	\$2,819	\$2,607
3	\$3,555	\$3,289
4	\$4,292	\$3,970
5	\$5,029	\$4,652
6	\$5,765	\$5,333
7	\$6,502	\$6,015
8	\$7,239	\$6,696
9	\$7,975	\$7,377
10	\$8,528	\$8,059
11	\$8,706	\$8,740
12	\$8,883	\$9,422
If more than 12, add:	\$177 for each person	\$682 for each person

Ways to Stay Informed

The City of Atlantic City is diligently working to keep everyone safe and healthy during this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. All city employees are currently working a modified schedule allowing our employees to remain healthy. City Hall remains closed; however, employees are still available to provide needed service.

City of Atlantic City- 833.359.0084 / www.cityofatlanticcity.org /    @AtlanticCityGov

Atlantic City Police Department- 609.347.5780 / www.acpolice.org /  @AtlanticCityPolice /   @AtlanticCityPD

Atlantic City Fire Department- 609.347.5590 /  @acfdlocal198 /  @AtlanticCityFD

Atlantic City Office of Emergency Management- 609.347.5466 /  @AtlanticCityOEM

Tip411- Receive email and/or text message alerts from the police department. Go to <https://www.tip411.com/groups> to begin the process.

Code Red Alert System- Receive information from your local emergency response team in the event of emergencies or critical community alerts. Go to www.cityofatlanticcity.org and locate the Code Red tab on the homepage to begin the process.

Message from the Mayor

As the weather warms and we begin to see more visitors around town, we need to be mindful of our surroundings. We must continue to practice social distancing, wear a mask/face covering in public and frequently wash our hands and sanitize our environment as the COVID-19 pandemic is still very much amongst us.

The City of Atlantic City continues to properly address the COVID-19 pandemic and work 24/7 to make sure that we are doing everything possible to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus. We are in strict compliance with the State of New Jersey and various agencies to monitor the situation and keep residents, merchants and business owners informed.

Atlantic City is resilient. And as I said before, we are in this together, and together we will get through this. Better days are coming!

In closing, I ask you to continue to follow the health guidelines and policies established to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus. Be strong. Be patient. And please, check on your neighbor to make sure they're okay.

Also, I would like to extend special thanks and appreciation to our emergency personnel, public safety and public works employees, City Hall staff, government workers, delivery personnel and food industry employees. These brave Frontline Heroes go to work each and every day in order

save and sustain lives and I am so very proud to recognize and commend their outstanding efforts.

Thank you.

Yours in service to the community,

Marty Small Sr.

