

Town of Secaucus

Department of Health

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Health Department Update- August 2020

1. COVID-19

The Health Department, along with Town Administration, continues to follow proper protocols and regulations issued by County, State, and/or Federal officials during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Health Department office and Town Administration, under guidance of our Health Officer and State and Federal directives, continue to come up with necessary measures in response to COVID-19. As the situations are evolving with re-openings, procedures and mitigation requirements continue to change at the Local, State, and/or Federal level to meet the needs and safety of the Secaucus community. The Health Department is also assisting in response to COVID-19 by conducting contact tracing investigations, as needed. The Health Department continues to respond to all public health and property maintenance complaints as usual.

Currently, New Jersey is in its second stage with moderate activities permitted. Below are advisories and updates since last month's notice. As per the NJ State website:

When leaving home, New Jerseyans should wear a face covering and keep a social distance from others. All workers who can work from home should continue to work from home.

- **July 15**: Seated capacity limits lifted on NJ TRANSIT and private-carrier buses, trains, light rail vehicles and Access Link vehicles.
- July 20: Certain sports are allowed to resume practices and outdoor contact drills.
- **August 3**: Motor Vehicle Commission agencies resume driver knowledge exams by appointment.
- **August 3**: Limit on indoor gatherings decreased to 25 people.

Please note tents and outdoor seating is set up at restaurants throughout Town. In collaboration with other departments, Health Department continues to address complaints offering outdoor

dining are following local and State Codes. Delivery and Takeout remain options for all retail food establishments.

a. New Jersey Quarantine Advisory

As of Tuesday, August 11, 2020, below is a few of the states on the East Coast on NJ's advisory list. As per the State website, Individuals traveling to New Jersey from states or territories with significant community spread of COVID-19 to quarantine for a 14 day period from the time of last contact within the identified state or territory.

- Alabama
- Florida
- Georgia
- Maryland
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Virgina

For a full list of States on NJ's advisory list and exceptions, please refer to the State website via:

https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/which-states-are-on-the-travel-advisory-list-are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey

b. For additional information on Governor Murphy's executive orders and directives or his press releases, please visit https://nj.gov/governor/ or visit the Town's website at https://secaucusnj.gov/virus

2. Property Maintenance

Please be advised during the summer season, all residents are reminded to keep their properties free of unsightly conditions and to keep properties clean to avoid the attraction of vermin.

As the summer weather continues, it is advised to keep properties from collecting standing water. Specifically, private outdoor bathing facilities (pools) should be maintained daily, covered, or drained of water if not is used to avoid the accumulation of stagnant water and attraction of mosquito breeding.

If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I'd be happy to assist.

Have a wonderful week and continuing to wish you all safety during this time.

3. Board of Health Attorney

Please be advised as of August 10, 2020, Board Attorney, Trevor Corso, has retired from his position. We are thankful for his time, guidance, and commitment to the Health Department and the Board of Health. Wishing Trevor all the best in his retirement.