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# e-News

## **Tropical Storm Ida**







Tropical Storm Ida caused extensive damage to Hillsborough and the surrounding areas last week. Many homes and businesses were affected, as well as roads and infrastructure. The State of New Jersey and the federal government have declared a State of Emergency in response to the storm, creating various aid and assistance programs on the state and federal level. It is vital that all damage be photographed for your case for financial assistance. File an insurance claim first, because the grant and loan programs below will not apply to any insurance-covered losses.

State information on the storm can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. This includes road closures, utility assistance, and other community resources. For financial assistance from <a href="https://example.com/FEMA">FEMA</a>, <a href="https://example.com/self-report damage here">here</a>, or <a href="https://example.com/report damage here">register for aid here</a>.

As always, visit the <u>Hillsborough Township website</u> and sign up for <u>Mayor's e-News</u> to stay up to date on Hillsborough's recovery and assistance.

## State and Federal Financial Relief for Storm Damages

The State of New Jersey has opened up disaster grant and loan programs that are available to business owners and residents affected by Tropical Storm Ida.

The <u>Small Business Administration</u> is offering financial assistance for repairing/replacing disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate, equipment, inventory, and other business assets. These are <u>Economic Injury Disaster</u>

<u>Loans (EIDL)</u> and <u>Physical Disaster Loans (PDL)</u> Information, requirements, and applications for this program can be found <u>here</u>.

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority has offered grants towards August rent/mortgage payments after Tropical Storm Ida. Unlike the EIDL and PDL, these grants can only be applied to rent/mortgage payments. **The program will open at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 17.**More information on the requirements and the application can be found here.

## Important COVID-19 Business Information

**Hillsborough Township COVID-19 Information** 

NJ COVID-19 Information Hub for Businesses & Organizations

#### **Business Operation Restrictions:**

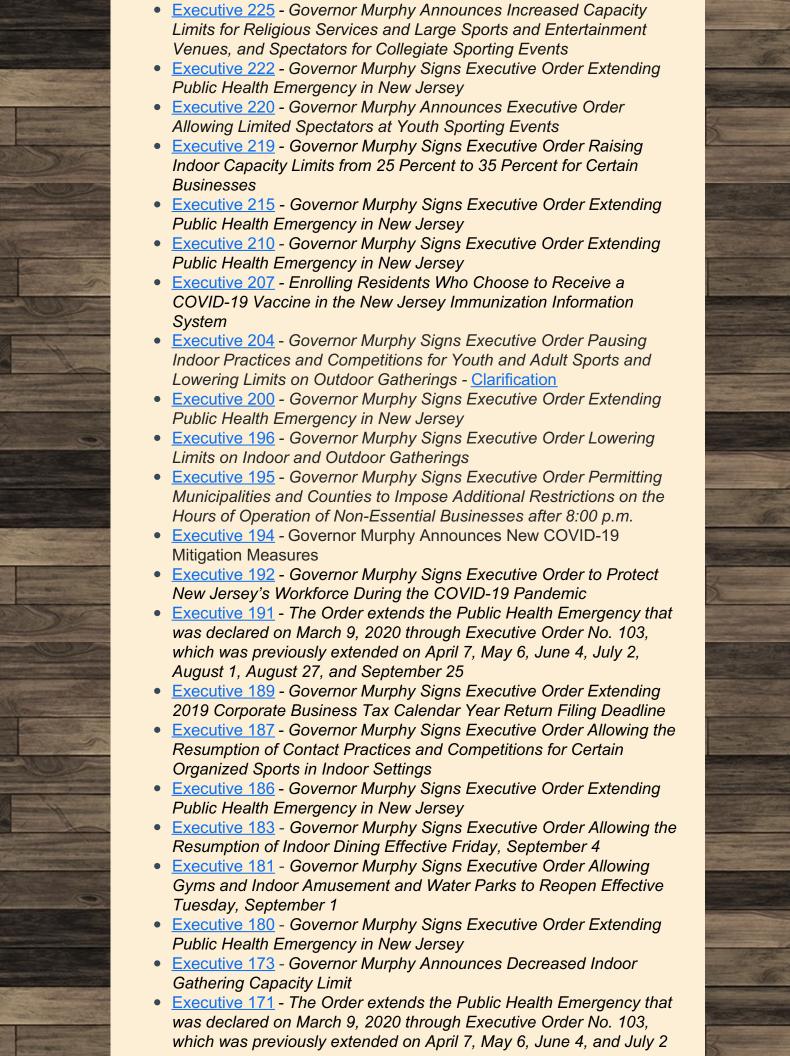
What workplace health and safety standards must my business follow to be open?

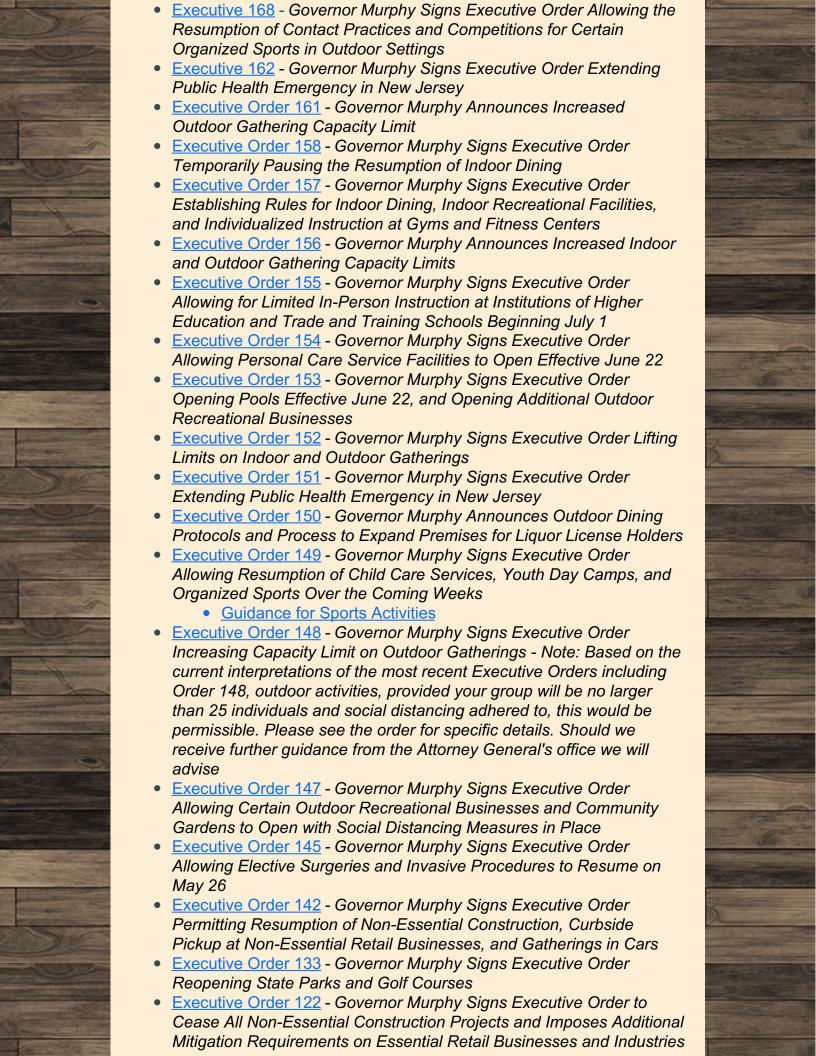
#### **Find Links Fast:**

2021 Governor Murphy Press Releases 2020 Governor Murphy Press Releases Governor Murphy Executive Orders

Listing of Business Related COVID-19 Press Releases / Executive Orders:

- <u>Executive 243</u> Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order rescinding requirements that businesses accommodate telework arrangements for workforce and reduce their on-site staff numbers.
- <u>Executive 242</u> Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order announcing vaccinated individuals in indoor spaces are not required to wear masks.
- <u>Executive 241</u> Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order eliminating mask requirement in public spaces.
- Executive 238 Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order announcing an additional easing of restrictions, including a removal of all percentage capacity limits for indoor and outdoor businesses, a lifting of the prohibition on indoor bar seating, and an end to the outdoor gathering limit
- <u>Executive 235</u> Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Extending Public Health Emergency in New Jersey
- <u>Executive 234</u> Governor Murphy Announces Increased Outdoor Gathering Limits and Increased Capacity for Large Venues
- <u>Executive 232</u> Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Allowing Outdoor Interstate Youth Sports Competitions
- <u>Executive 231</u> Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Extending Public Health Emergency in New Jersey
- Executive 230 Governor Murphy Announces Increased Capacity Limits for Indoor Businesses and Indoor and Outdoor Gatherings
- <u>Executive 228</u> Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Clarifying Wedding Receptions Can Operate at Increased Capacity





to Limit the Spread of COVID-19

- Executive Order 107 Governor Murphy directs all residents to stay at home until further notice
- Executive Order 104 Governor Murphy Announces Aggressive Social Distancing Measures to Mitigate Further Spread of COVID-19 in New Jersey

#### Legislation:

- A-A5446, provides \$15 million in federal COVID-19 relief aid for small businesses throughout New Jersey. The bill provides aid in the form of grants to small businesses and non-profits in need.
- A-5444, provides \$35 million in federal COVID-19 relief aid for restaurants throughout New Jersey. The bill provides aid to a particularly hard hit sector of New Jersey's economy.
- <u>S-3521</u>, provides \$15 million in federal COVID-19 relief aid for arts and cultural venues throughout New Jersey. The bill focuses on providing aid to arts and cultural organizations in need of support as a result of the public health emergency.
- <u>S-3523</u>, provides \$25 million in federal COVID-19 relief aid for small businesses throughout New Jersey. The bill focuses on providing a lifeline to microbusinesses with five or fewer employees.
- A3966, authorizes the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages by Certain License and Permit Holders for Takeout and Delivery

## **Attention Hillsborough Business Community**

During these times, we understand and appreciate your creative thinking in terms of wishing to operate your business. If you are looking to host an event or operate your business outside your regular procedures, please reach out to the Business Advocate's Office to ensure that the Township can help you by providing guidance to host a successful event.

**Business Support Services During COVID-19** 

Office of the Business Advocate
Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex
The Peter J. Biondi Municipal Building
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