



CITY OF NEWARK
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MAYOR

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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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Dear Restaurant Owners / Managers:

The City of Newark would like to thank you for your cooperation during this CoVd-19 pandemic, and for limiting your hours of operation consistent with the dictates of Governor Murphy and Mayor Baraka. I know that this has been a difficult time for all of our businesses, and employees. Mayor Baraka has tried to balance the economic realities faced by our businesses against the City's need to protect our residents from the unrelenting spread of this pandemic. Because of the quick measures implemented by Mayor Baraka and Gov. Phil Murphy, we have seen a decline in the rate of infection to less than 10% of those tested. We are not out of the woods, but this is good news.

However, in light of recent increases in the infection rate, and the non-compliance of several restaurants around the state, with respect to social distancing and wearing masks, Governor Murphy has delayed indefinitely indoor dining, which was slated to begin on July 2nd. Because of the governor's edict, the City recognizes that many of you may have excess inventory and employees who are looking forward to increased hours. I am happy to announce that effective immediately, Mayor Baraka has decided to extend outdoor dining hours to 11:00 pm. Restaurants remain subject to closure if they fail to follow CoVid guidelines, which include, among other things:

- Maintain Social distancing (6 feet between tables)
- Servers wearing masks at all times
- Patrons wearing masks when not dining
- Hand sanitizer available for patrons and staff
- Crowd control (inside eating area, and on the perimeter)
- Business must be in full compliance with all business license requirements.
- Business must be current with their payroll tax obligations to the City.
- Businesses must file their reopening plan with the City.
- Reopening plan applications are available and can be submitted in multiple ways:
 - Visit <https://newarkcovid19.com/home>. Applications are available in English, Spanish and Portuguese, along with video tutorials in the three languages with instructions on how to fill out the form and submit it online. **This option is recommended as it will greatly expedite the processing of an application.**
 - Download the application from the

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- website at <https://newarkcovid19.com/stayingin/reopen-application-requirements>, complete and submit by e-mail at reopeningplans@newarknj.gov
- Download the application from <https://newarkcovid19.com/stayingin/reopen-application-requirements>, complete and drop off or mail it to the Department of Economic Housing and Development, 920 Broad Street, Room 218, Newark, NJ 07102
 - Pick up a hard copy of the application from:
 - Invest Newark, 111 Mulberry Street
 - Newark Downtown District, 60 Park Place
 - Ironbound BID, 56 Congress Street
 - Mount Prospect Partnership, 643 Mt. Prospect Avenue
 - Bergen-Lyons-Clinton South Ward SID, 101 International Way
 - Partnership West BID, 1044 South Orange Avenue
 - Mount Prospect Partnership, 643-645 Mt. Prospect Avenue

Again, thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to your employees and to the City of Newark.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Eric S. Pennington

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