

**NEWARK ENACTS ADDITIONAL MEASURES GOING INTO EFFECT
IMMEDIATELY
TO STEM SPREAD OF COVID-19**

***9 p.m. curfew for zip codes with significant increase of COVID-19 cases;
Sports canceled for two-week period; Restaurants must limit reservations to no more
than 10 people;
visitation limited for senior housing***

Newark, NJ-November 10, 2020-Mayor Ras J. Baraka announced that the Administration is taking additional measures to stem the spread of the coronavirus. COVID-19 is still on the rise in Newark, with the City reporting 12,779 positive cases and 677 deaths as of November 9.

In addition to the [measures implemented on October 27](#), including the closing of non-essential businesses nightly at 8 p.m. (requiring restaurants and eateries to end dining-in at the same time), requiring beauty salons, nail salons, and barbershops to be open by appointment only, and gyms and health clubs to close for half an hour each hour for sanitizing, Mayor Baraka signed an executive order requiring further protocols effective immediately. The City will re-assess the situation after **Tuesday, December 1**, to determine the next steps.

“Newark’s prescription is not the state’s prescription,” said Mayor Baraka. “Newark’s test positivity rate is at 19%, while New Jersey’s is at 7.74% -more than double. “Stricter measures are required in the city’s hotspots in order to contain the virus and limit the spread. I know we are all tired, but the virus is not, therefore we must remain vigilant and do what is necessary to get this under control and save lives.”

The following will be strictly enforced without exception:

CURFEW

- Per Mayor's previous executive order, all non-essential businesses must close at 8 p.m. every day. All restaurants, bars, etc. must close their indoor service at 8 p.m. and outdoor service at 11 p.m. Due to the significant rise in COVID-19 positive cases, there is a 9 p.m. curfew in specific zip codes.
- For **zip codes 07104, 07105, and 07107**, a mandatory curfew is imposed. No one should be on the street after **9 p.m. on weekdays, and 10 p.m. on weekends**, unless traveling to or from work or if there is an emergency.
- In **07104**, the boundaries are 7th Avenue to 2nd Avenue and from Broadway to Clifton Avenue.
- In **07105**, this is the entire area, not including the airport or the highways.
- In **07107**, the boundaries are 3rd Avenue North to Berkley Avenue. North 3rd Street to 11th Street.

SPORTS

- All sports of any kind being played in the City shall cease immediately for a two-week period. During this time, all players, coaches, trainers, etc. must be tested for the COVID-19 virus and have to test negative to resume play.
- When sports resume after this two-week period, all players, coaches, trainers, staff must be tested for the COVID-19 virus every week.
- Those individuals not actively playing in the game must wear a face mask and practice social distancing (including coaches, players on the bench, referees, parents, staff, and spectators).
- The City will consider canceling, rescheduling games, and/or practices or any other activity for two (2) weeks if two or more players/employees/staff, etc. on the team test positive for the virus.
- Any team or team member that doesn't follow the face mask protocol may be subject to having their remaining games canceled, removed from the team, or terminated.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR GATHERINGS

- Gatherings and/or events are limited to no more than ten (10) people.

SENIOR HOUSING

- No visitation is allowed at long term health care facilities for the next two weeks.
- Senior housing buildings residents are allowed one (1) non-essential visitor per unit per day.
- All building managers/security must perform temperature checks of all individuals prior to entering the building. No one with a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees will be allowed inside.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

- Attendance is restricted to 25% capacity.
- Anyone speaking or singing during religious services must wear a mask (including pastors while preaching).
- No one with a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees will be allowed inside.

RESTAURANTS/BUSINESSES/OFFICES

- Restaurants, businesses, and offices must follow face mask protocols.
- All businesses must perform temperature checks of anyone entering the building and no one with a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees will be allowed inside.
- No holiday (i.e. Thanksgiving) gatherings or events of ten (10) people or more at restaurants.
- Reservations for more than ten (10) people are not allowed.

Dr. Mark Wade, Director of the Department of Health and Community Wellness for the City of Newark said, "The most potent immunization we have available is a decision to take personal responsibility to obey and model the recommendations that keep us all safe. We need each other to get us through this and to save lives."

On Friday, November 6, Newark reported a test positivity rate of 19.01%, using a three-day rolling average, in comparison to New Jersey's test positivity rate of 7.74%.

Based on testing information for Newark from October 25 to October 31, which counts each test, the city's positivity rate is 16.3% and the highest rate continues to be in the East Ward (32.5% in zip code 07105), as well as in the North Ward (18.1% in zip code 07104 and 15.4% in Zip Code 07107). The city's positivity rate continues to be as high as it was in May.

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