

NJ Executive Orders /Business Closings List as of 3/30/2020

Mandatory closures

- Casinos, theaters, gyms, bars and dine-in restaurants, effective March 16 at 8 p.m. Take-out and delivery is still permitted.
- Indoor and outdoor amusement spaces, such as malls, amusement parks, arcades and bowling alleys, effective March 17 at 8 p.m. On March 30, Murphy reiterated golf courses are considered recreational and must remain closed.
- Personal care businesses, such as barber shops, salons and tattoo parlors, effective March 19 at 8 p.m.

On March 30, Murphy hinted at restricting “non-essential construction,” but more details are needed on what that would entail, and no official decree has been issued.

On March 23, Murphy ordered the suspension of any medical and dental elective surgeries and invasive procedures scheduled after 5 p.m. on March 27, provided that their delay won’t harm the patient.

What can stay open

- Grocery stores, farmer’s markets and farm-to-table businesses
- Pharmacies and medical marijuana dispensaries
- Gas stations and convenience stores
- Banks and financial institutions
- Laundromats and dry-cleaning
- Mail and delivery stores
- Automobile mechanic shops
- Printing and office supply shops
- Hardware and home improvement stores
- Businesses that sell childcare supplies
- Pet stores and veterinarians
- Liquor stores
- Mobile phone retail and repair shops
- Bicycle shops (for service and repair only)
- Livestock feed stores
- Nurseries and garden centers
- Farming equipment stores
- On March 25, Murphy signed Executive Order No. 110, requiring child care centers to close April 1, unless they are serving the children of essential workers
- Car dealerships may perform online and remote sales, and allow for curbside or service lane pickup
- Realtors offering one-on-one tours (open-houses on homes for sale are prohibited)
- Gun stores, but by appointment only and operating on limited hours
- Microbreweries and distilleries; the former can provide home delivery, the latter is open for curbside pick-up

Any commercial business or nonprofit that has its employees work from home rather than at the office, or makes the effort to have as few employees working on site as possible, can stay open.

Who can travel

While Murphy's executive order, which went into effect on March 21, broadly restricts who is allowed to leave their homes and travel, there are exceptions:

- Law enforcement, firefighters and first responders
- Media and press
- Cashiers and store clerks
- Construction, repair and utility workers
- Warehouse and manufacturing workers
- Lab researchers
- Information technology maintenance workers
- Janitorial and custodial staff

Those who violate the orders could be charged with a disorderly persons offense, or a second, third or fourth-degree crime, according to New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal.

Murphy, on March 30, indicated he might want "to tighten the screws" even more with enforcement, as state residents find colorful ways to violate the stay-at-home order, following authorities' citing illegal operations for a gym in Bridgeton, a barbershop in Woodbridge and large gatherings across the state including weddings and house parties.