

As of today, Gloucester County has conducted 8,072 tests for COVID-19...1,751 positive cases, 6,308 negative cases and 13 pending. Pitman currently has had 30 confirmed cases with men and women ranging in age from 23 to 91 years old with one death of an 85 year old male.

\*Yesterday, the Governor signed Executive Order 142, announcing the first steps that New Jersey is taking to re-open areas of the economy. One such step is easing restrictions on non-essential construction, subject to social distancing and mitigation protocols, effective 6:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020. This includes all types of construction previously shut down via Executive Order 122. EO 142 allows for re-opening non-essential retail establishments for curbside pick-up only, and allowing gatherings of vehicles. Curbside pick-up is permitted starting at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18 for all non-essential retail establishments previously closed via Executive Order 107 and is available via both vehicle and on foot. Clarification has also been provided that car gatherings do not violate the Governor's ban on gatherings under Executive Order No. 107. Examples of such car gatherings include, but are not limited to drive-in movies, religious services, or drive-through farms or safaris. Car gatherings will continue to be subject to the restrictions in the EO, which can be found by clicking here <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-142.pdf>

\*The next County drive up testing site at Rowan College of South Jersey on Tanyard Road, Sewell will be offered on Thursday May 21st. Testing is now available to all County residents, whether they have symptoms or not. Residents 18 and older must call (856) 218-4142 starting tomorrow, Friday, May 15, 2020, at 8:30am to make an appointment. Please have your insurance information available when you call.

\*Earlier today, Governor Murphy announced that all state beaches and boardwalks will re-open by Memorial Day weekend, with social distancing guidelines in place. Beaches and lakefronts must limit the amount of people given access so people can properly socially distance. The Governor has advised that masks or face coverings will not be required, however, they are recommended. Individuals and those with whom they are sheltered are permitted to gather, but all other individuals must remain at least six feet apart. Amusement rides will remain closed and restaurants will only be permitted to provide "take out" and delivery services only.

\*Last weekend, a letter from Col Callahan of the NJ State Police was forwarded to the NJ Department of Education, which advised that all drive-by, "wave parades" were not permitted under the Governor's orders. On Monday, Col Callahan clarified that his letter regarding drive-by graduation ceremonies was **not** telling people to stop driving by someone's house to wish them congratulations, happy birthday, etc. His letter was saying graduating students (and others) cannot gather on the front lawn of a school/football stadium/town hall or similar location to witness vehicles driving by - because then people would be assembling together outside (like a parade). Although this may allow for individuals to participate in such drive-by's subject to proper adherence to the Governor's orders on social distancing and gatherings of individuals, this does not in any way obligate our first responders, firefighters, or police officers to participate in any such activity. These

departments and their leadership must make that determination for themselves with the safety, security, and resources of their members in mind. Thank you again to all of our first responders for their dedication and service through these ever evolving circumstances.

Thank you for your continued diligence as we venture out to enjoy this beautiful weather,

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