

May 27, 2021

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION AND UPDATES NOTICE

The New Jersey Conference Administration has been closely monitoring the latest information on COVID-19. We want to share what we know with the New Jersey Conference community and share precautionary stands we are making.

Because we care about the health and wellbeing of all our members and employees, we believe continuing to follow the COVID-19 mitigation efforts will provide a safe and healthy environment for all who attend our worship services.

According to the Order No. 242 of the office of the Governor Phil Murphy on May 24, 2021, we found that the following indications may apply to our local churches*:

EFFECTIVE MAY 28, 2021:

1. **Lifting the mask mandate in indoor public spaces.** (Per CDC, this indication does not apply to children church programs and continue to be governed by existing requirements)
2. **Lifting the six-foot social distancing requirement.**

EFFECTIVE JUNE 04, 2021:

1. **Indoor gathering and capacity limits will be lifted.**

Recommendation to the Local Church Board:

We advise that all the church boards of the Seventh-day Adventist churches in the state of New Jersey review the CDC guidelines and the New Jersey Governor's order #242 and adjust their church's reopening to full worship service taking into consideration the local congregation's needs and challenges.

Our goal should be remaining faithful and protecting each other during this transition.

New Jersey Conference of SDA Administration

***FOR THE FULL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORDER NO. 242, PLEASE, REFER TO THE LINK BELOW.**

Governor Murphy Lifts Major COVID-19 Restrictions, Moves Forward with Most Significant Reopening Steps to Date

<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562021/20210524a.shtml>