

# Fact Sheet for Retention Calls for Members

## ***The following are indefinitely mandatory until further notice:***

1. Statewide curfew 8pm to 5am for all residents
2. All restaurants and bars must close after 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2020.
3. ONLY drive-through, delivery and takeout services are allowed until normal hours resume
4. No more than 50 people are allowed to gather in one place
5. Restaurant may remain open for drive-through, delivery and takeout services ONLY
6. NJRHA anticipates this will last around 2 to 3 weeks, however we cannot state when businesses will resume as usual at this time.

## ***What legislative action is NJRHA taking to respond to COVID-19?***

1. Federal Government passed a coronavirus package that will cover paid sick leave if the restaurants front it. NJRHA is lobbying the Senate to have that changed so federal government pays for it upfront.
2. Bill that passed the assembly that states insurance companies must cover the pandemic but only businesses who have 100 employees or less. NJRHA is proposing an amendments, before passing the Senate that we get the number of employees to change from 100 to 1,000.
3. NJRHA is proposing things like sales tax and property tax abatement and delayed utility payments for businesses for 60 to 90 days.
4. NJRHA is proposing the requirement to pay liquor distributors within 30 days be suspended until further notice (COD regulation).
5. When you file for unemployment, money usually kicks in after 90 days. NJRHA is lobbying to have temporary unemployment insurance so employees will not have to wait 90 days.
6. NJRHA is recommending enforcing social distancing in restaurant dining rooms with no more than 50 people to help keep business going as opposed to all dining rooms to be shut down completely.

## ***What resources does NJRHA have to respond to COVID-19?***

1. NJRHA has a resource page on our website <https://www.njrha.org/coronavirus.html>. Our staff will be available by phone (609) 599-3316 for all updates on COVID-19. The staff will try to respond to all inquiries within 48 hours.
2. Call the toll-free number 1-800-JERSEY7 for any questions and visit the government website <https://faq.business.nj.gov/en/collections/2198378-covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information-for-new-jersey-businesses> for all immediate updates on COVID-19.
3. NJRHA urges all owners to have their employees apply for unemployment. Visit <https://www.njrha.org/coronavirus.html> under the *Unemployment Insurance Benefits | Reduced Hours* tab for more information on unemployment.
4. Unfortunately, owners are not able to apply for unemployment, however NJRHA is lobbying for business relief plans (included in the legislative action section) to help owners.
5. NJRHA encourages businesses to reach out to community-based organizations in their area (i.e. soup kitchens, etc.) and offer to provide meals to them. Community-based organizations will

offer to pay restaurants a portion for these meals. This will help alleviate some food costs and extra supply of food.

6. We have heard the local police and health department are regulating these mandates. According to the Stafford Act, they can bring in the national guard to help where needed.

7. Prepare to work from home from COVID-19 with NJRHA Vendor Member Sprint:

a. Are you prepared to run your business from home?

#### Business Solutions

With the rapid spread of COVID-19 (a type of the coronavirus), companies will need to be prepared to maintain daily business functions from their employees' homes. Sprint can provide an array of solutions to help keep your business running simply and effectively!

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