



NJ Chamber Economic Recovery & Reopening Update

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INSIDE TODAY'S UPDATE

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- **Jersey City workers must return to work sites on May 3.**
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New Jersey is Among the States Pausing the Use of the Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Over Blood Clot Concerns
The FDA and the CDC released a joint statement this morning saying they are investigating six cases of women reporting blood clots in the days after receiving the [J&J vaccine](#). Some 6.8 million doses of the vaccine have been given nationwide. The agencies recommended a “pause” while they investigate the cases. “Right now, these adverse events appear to be extremely rare. COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority for the federal government, and we take all reports of health problems following COVID-19 vaccination very seriously,” their statement read in part. (CBS New York)

Jersey City Workers Must Return to Work Sites on May 3
Other towns are reopening later. Some epidemiologists think an early May return date is too soon and more people need to be vaccinated first. And Jersey City's largest union is [pushing back](#). (NJ Spotlight News)

Gov. Phil Murphy Signed a Bill Yesterday Authorizing \$15 Million in Grants to Small Businesses and Nonprofits in the State

The [program](#) will be run by the NJEDA, but details, such as eligibility and a timeline for the program, were not announced. The bill is the fourth of five in a package of legislation providing a total of \$100 million in relief to small businesses. Earlier this month, Murphy signed a bill allocating \$25 million for microbusinesses, those with five employees or fewer. (ROI-NJ)

Everything You Need to Know about Grants for Restaurants and Bars

Check out the frequently asked [questions](#) about the \$28.6 billion Restaurant Revitalization Grant Fund, which opens to applicants later this month. (National Restaurant Association)

We Asked NJ Chamber Members: When Will You Know It's Time to Return to Normal Activities in the Wake of COVID-19
"It will be a gradual acceptance, rather than a flick of a switch. There will be a concert here, a ballgame there. Getting myself and my family vaccinated is an enormous step toward normalcy. I'll continue to listen to public health experts, particularly when it comes to wearing masks and social distancing." – David Plaskow, Senior Manager, Marketing, EisnerAmper LLP. [To read more, click here](#). (N.J. Chamber of Commerce)

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**Join Us on April 21 at 9 a.m. for an Important Webinar:
The Business Case for Diversity**
Join us for a discussion on the Equality of Opportunity Initiative, launched by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, to help close race-based opportunity gaps in four areas: education, employment, entrepreneurship, and criminal justice. We bring

on special guest Latricia Boone, vice president at the U.S. Chamber, to talk to us. [Register free of charge here.](#)

Join us May 17 for the 10th Annual NJ Chamber Challenge Cup Golf Outing at Bedens Brook Club in Skillman
It's an opportunity to play on one of the state's most elegant golf courses, and an outstanding networking experience. Once again this year, we will take every precaution to make sure your time on the course is enjoyable and safe. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Neil Wildonger at neil@njchamber.com. For more info and to register, [click here.](#)

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Business Resources

[Federal Grants for Restaurants and Bars](#) (U.S. Chamber of Commerce)

[Guidance, Restrictions, and Assistance for Businesses](#) (State of N.J.)

[State & Federal Financial Assistance](#) (U.S. Chamber of Commerce)

[Pandemic Resources for Small Businesses](#) (U.S. Chamber of Commerce)

[Reopening Playbook for Employers](#) (U.S. Chamber of Commerce)

[Vaccine Guide for Businesses](#) (U.S. Chamber of Commerce)

[Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) Guidance](#) (U.S. SBA)

[Discount PPE for NJ Businesses](#) (State of N.J.)

Jobs and Hiring Portal [Job Seekers](#) | [Employers](#) (State of N.J.)

[General Pandemic Information](#) (State of N.J.)

[Guide to Starting a Business in N.J.](#) (New Jersey Business Action Center)

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N.J. Coronavirus Cases

(Source: **[N.J. Health Department](#)**)

Total Confirmed Deaths Reported: 22,323

Total Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Reported: 839,114

Data: [Hospitalizations and Discharges](#) | [Vaccinations](#)

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