Mayor Ras J. Baraka presents

ReOpening: Our Resurgence from COVID-19

A Virtual Town Hall



Speakers

The Honorable Ras J. Baraka, Mayor City of Newark

The Honorable Ronald L. Rice NJ State Senate

The Honorable M. Teresa Ruiz NJ State Senate

Lamont O. Repollet Ed.D.,
Commissioner of New Jersey Department of Education

John Harmon, Founder, President & Chief Executive Officer
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Moderator: Barbara George Johnson, MPH, JD, Executive Director of the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy of TESU

Mayor Baraka's Comprehensive Response to Reopening Newark and Protecting Newark through COVID-19

Timeline of Action

From the moment federal officials announced Newark Liberty International Airport would be a landing site for planes arriving from China in early February, Mayor Ras J. Baraka's administration began preparing for the onslaught of the COVID-19 virus and it's potentially devastating impact on the City's residents and businesses.

March 15: Mayor Baraka announces City's first case of Coronavirus in City and through Executive Order, places a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures and extends deadlines for tax payments, water and sewer bills

March 16: Mayor Baraka orders non-essential businesses to close by 8 p.m. and orders restaurants to end sit-down service and offer take-out/delivery services only. All City senior and recreation centers are closed and visitors are banned from entering senior residential buildings. Mayor also bans gatherings of 50 people or more, including church services and cultural events.

March 17: Mayor Baraka cancels all public gatherings and holds a virtual town hall with Dr. Mark Wade, the City's Health Director. Orders schools close for 30 days, as he begins preparing City for long fight with invasive and extremely contagious COVID-19 disease.

March 18: Further sweeping action is taken as Mayor Baraka imposes a mandatory 8 p.m. curfew mandatory, the full closing of non-essential businesses and asks Newark ShopRite to give seniors and medically vulnerable dedicated hours to shop.

March 18: To keep residents directly and fully informed, Mayor Baraka begins his live daily Coronavirus briefings at 5 p.m. on City Hall Facebook page.

March 21: Using Public Safety technology and Health Department information to track victims of COVID-19, Mayor Baraka orders strict shelter-in-place rules for the three hardest hit areas of City, telling residents to stay inside except for essential needs or medical emergencies.

March 25: Mayor Baraka announces a dramatic series of financial interventions totaling \$6 million to support residents and small businesses severely impacted COVID-19 shutdown. They include \$2 million in small business grants, \$1 million to "Live Newark" for homeowners and prospective homebuyers, \$1 million in rapid, short-term housing for the homeless and City's other most vulnerable residents, a fund for landlords and commercial building owners whose tenants can't pay rent, a \$750,000 arts initiative investment, and a \$1 million investment in community-based non-profits that serve Newark residents. The small business grant program is announced on March 26 and the rest follow until April 20 when the non-profit aid program is announced.

March 26: Mayor Baraka widens the strict shelter-in-place mandate to include entire City, promising aggressive enforcement as police monitor vehicular traffic and patrol city to break up gatherings on streets.

March 31: Mayor Baraka launches a cooperative operation with East Orange, Irvington and Orange to lockdown borders and keep travel between towns limited to work or emergencies. Mayor Baraka also calls for a "Newark Day of Prayer and Fasting."

April 10: More than half of Newark's lead service lines are replaced as crews work through COVID-19 crisis.

April 13: Mayor Baraka announces "Be Still Mondays" and asks for all businesses to close, including downtown corporations, through May 11.

April 14: A new website is launched bringing together comprehensive information for Newark residents/businesses on how to go about getting help to deal with COVID-19 crisis and how to stay safe. Website: Newarkcovid19.com.

April 17: Mayor also implemented task forces to focus on senior housing/assisted living oversight and compliance, testing, contact tracing, executive order compliance, city cleanliness, data analytics, and finances related to reimbursements.

April 27: Began mass testing (NHA, homeless, and most recently three sites open for Newark residents throughout the City).

May 1: Announced that City's Health Department, Rutgers School of Public Health, City employees, and a team of local volunteers will start the process of tracing the person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in the City.

May 1: City crosses 10,000 lead service line replacement benchmark amid Coronavirus.

May 4: Announced collaboration of city leaders to develop reopen and recovery strategy.

Over 213,862
meals plus 198,000
Newark Public School
meals
delivered to
Newark residents



Over 18,200 Masks Supplied to Newark Residents



Data Driven Approach

In an effort to give residents a comprehensive and inclusive portal of information about the COVID-19 crisis, the City has launched an easy to use website.

The website can be reached at: https://newarkcovid19.com/home

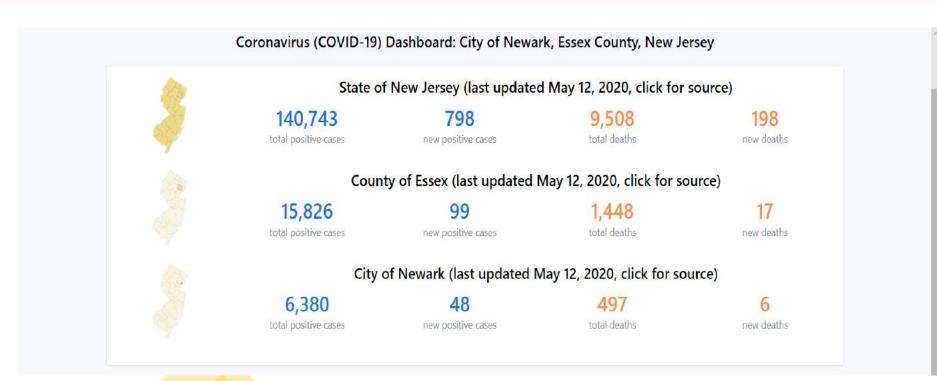
The new website provides a real time-data dashboard of COVID-19 impact by race, gender and ward. It also provides a one-stop shopping portal organized by topic and links to city, state and federal programs Newark residents to which Newark residents can apply.

It also reminds residents of Mayor Baraka's daily briefing at 5 p.m. on Facebook live. As new programs are launched and new COVID-19 information becomes available, the site will be updated in real time.

Mayor Ras J. Baraka

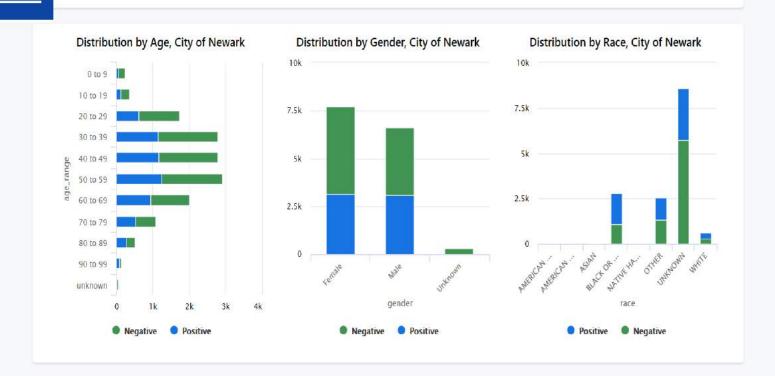


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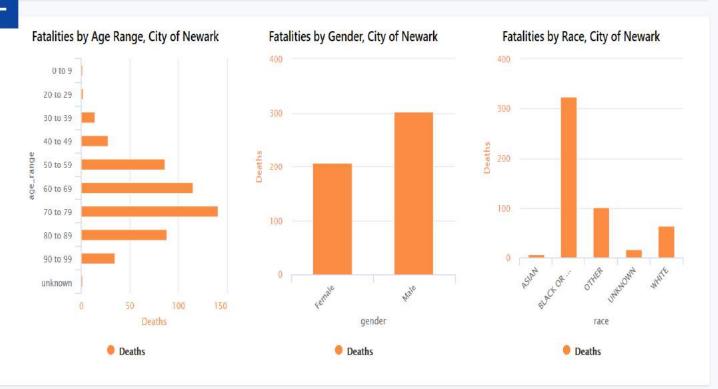




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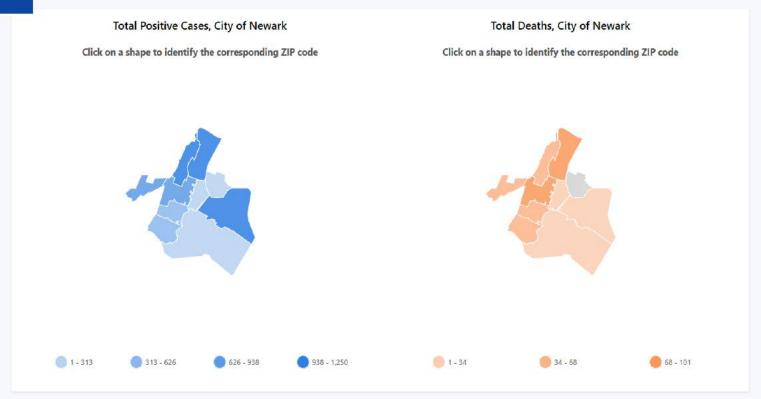










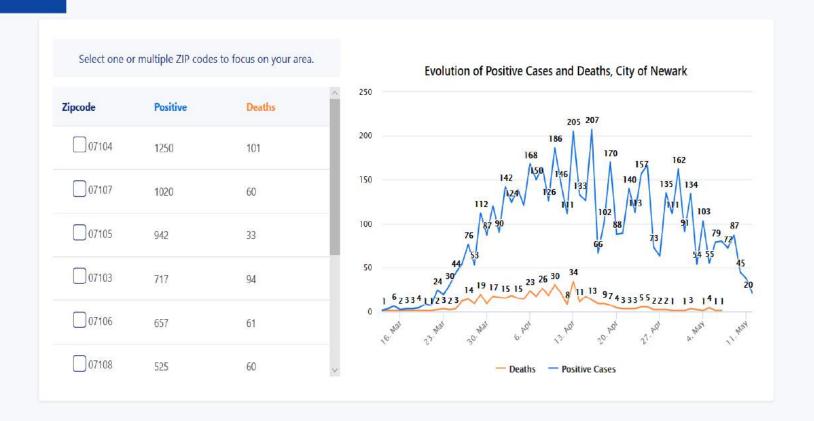




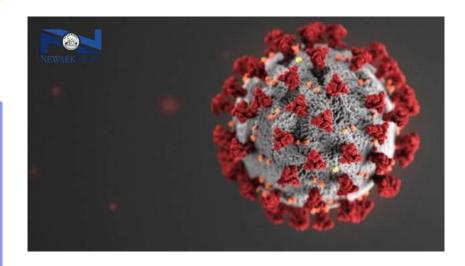
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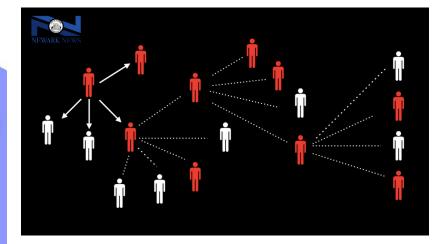
Increased Testing





Contact Tracing

Mayor Ras J. Baraka and the City
of Newark's Department of Health are working
with Partners In Health, the Rutgers
University School of Public Health, municipal
employees and a team of local volunteers to
start tracing the person-to-person spread of
COVID-19 in Newark.



Established Newark Reopening and Recovery Strikeforce comprised of City Leaders to Develop Reopen and Recovery Strategy









Let's Reopen Newark, Safely

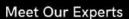
Mayor Ras J. Baraka's

Newark Recovery and Reopening Strikeforce



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Meet Our Experts

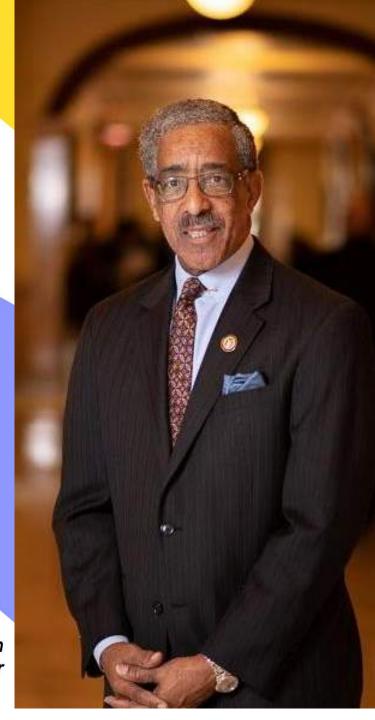
The Honorable Ronald L. Rice

New Jersey State Senate 28th Legislative District

- One of the most senior ranking Senators in the State of New Jersey
- N.J. Legislative Black Caucus Chair 2009-present
- Vice Chairman of the Senate Community & Urban Affairs Committee
- First African-American to ever hold the city of Newark's West Ward Council seat
- Senator Rice was the first African American to hold both a state and local government elected office.
- Senator Rice sponsored key legislation that became law requiring
 hospitals to report demographic data including the age, ethnicity,
 gender, and race of patients who have tested positive for COVID-19,
 who have died from COVID-19, or who have tried to get testing but
 have been turned away.

Senator Rice Quote on Importance of Legislation

"Collecting and then receiving this data will allow for us to know which hospitals need more funding and resources in order to properly care for our minority populations."



The Honorable M. Teresa Ruiz

New Jersey State Senate 29th Legislative District

- Senate President Pro Tempore and first Latina to serve in a leadership position in the New Jersey Senate.
- Chair of the Senate Education Committee
- Vice-Chair of the Essex County Democratic Party and Deputy Chief of Staff to Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.
- On Monday, in response to countless tax-paying immigrants being excluded from the CARES Act, Senate President Pro Tempore M.
 Teresa Ruiz introduced legislation to provide cash assistance for Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) users. The bill, S-2480, would require the Department of Treasury to issue a one-time payment to ITIN filers, first prioritizing families with children. The bill appropriates \$35 million for the program, which could help up to 35,000 residents.

Senator Ruiz Quote on Importance of COVID-19 Legislation

"If we are going to discuss reopening New Jersey we must have an honest conversation about how this crisis has impacted our immigrant community. They work in every industry and in every region of our state."



Lamont Repollet, Ed.D. Commissioner

Department of Education

- Dr. Lamont Repollet was nominated to be Commissioner of Education by Governor Murphy on January 12, 2018. After being unanimously confirmed by the Senate, he was sworn into office on June 19, 2018.
- As Commissioner, Dr. Repollet has worked to redesign the Department of Education to strengthen teaching, leading and learning, and increase educational equity for students throughout the state.
- During his tenure, New Jersey's public schools were ranked number one in the nation by Education Week's "Quality Counts 2019" report, which captures key data to assess a state's educational performances.
- The State of New Jersey has applied for \$310 million in federal funds to address the impact of the coronavirus on schools. The aid comes from the CARES Act.

Dr. Repollet on COVID-19 Actions at the Department of Education

Dr. Repollet is currently dedicating resources at his disposal to give educators information needed to continue remote learning as well as looking at how schools will work in the future.



New Jersey Department of Education

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Dr. Lamont Repollet
NJ Commissioner of Education
Wednesday, May 13, 2020



Education during COVD 19

Impact

- Digital Divide
 - Between 3/26 and 4/10, 12,000 more students were able to access the internet from home
 - More work to be done to increase access to devices and internet services for students
- Learning Loss
- Social and Emotional Learning/ Special Services
 - Online Resources and Professional Development sessions to support educators and students' mental health

110,618

Number of Students who could not access the internet at home as of March 26, 2020***

89,088

Number of Students who could not access the internet at home as of April 24, 2020**



Education During COVID 19

Policy

- DOE Regulations/ Policy
 - Assessment Waiver
 - Teacher Evaluation
 - Graduation Assessment requirements
 - Special education and related services delivered through the use of telehealth, telemedicine, electronic communications, remote, virtual, or other online platforms
 - EdTPA (Teacher Certification performance assessment requirements)
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund) (Application released 5/11/2020)
 - NJ Total Allocation \$310,371,213
 - Newark: \$19,290,708
 - Flexible Uses



Education Post COVID 19

Solutions

- Reopening
 - Recovery Framework
 - Guidance to be developed as we look to the reopening of our school buildings
 - Continuity of Learning
 - Conditions of Learning
 - Leadership and Planning
 - Policy and Funding



For More information...

Please visit our NJDOE COVID 19 website for updates and resources https://www.nj.gov/education/covid19/





Thank You!

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NJDOE COVID-19 Updates

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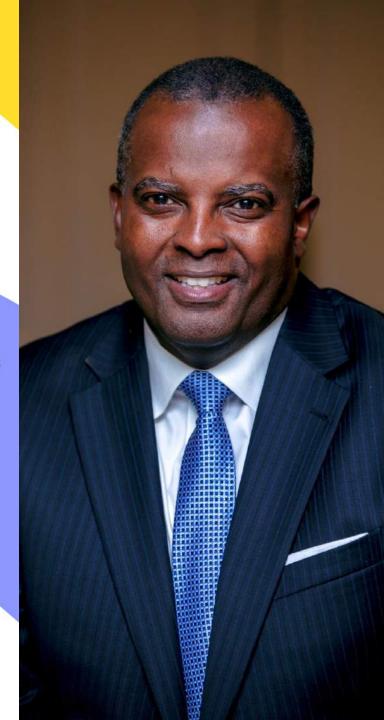
John Harmon Sr. IOM

Founder, President & CEO
African American Chamber of Commerce (AACCNJ)

- John E. Harmon, Sr. IOM, has served as the Founder, President and CEO of the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey since 2007.
- Mr. Harmon has positioned the AACCNJ as the vanguard for the 1.1 million black residents and over 80,000 businesses in New Jersey on issues of economics, education and workforce readiness.
- John E. Harmon, has been recently requested to serve on New Jersey's Restart & Recovery Advisory Council. Convened by Governor Phil Murphy as part of a comprehensive public health and economic response to Covid-19, the objective of the New Jersey Restart & Recovery Advisory Council.

Mission of the AACCNJ During COVID-19

The staff continues to provide the assistance and support to our members, as a conduit for resources, opportunities, and information, and has communicated on a daily basis, through e-blast communications, press releases, the use of social media platforms, webinars, and one on one interviews current, vital information from our local, state and federal officials on Covid-19.





U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE







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ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN (EIDL) PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PP

AACCNJ is an Authorized Provider Offering Technical Assistance to COVID-19 Impacted Small Businesses Applying for SBA Funding

For Technical Assistance and to apply for the Small Business Administration (SBA) EIDL and PPP contact the following AACCNJ Representatives:

Dina Gonzales-Loan Administrator 609-524-0530, <u>Dgonzales@aaccnj.com</u>

Phil Woolfolk-Sr. Loan Administrator 609-610-6310, Pwoolfolk@aaccnj.com

NJ Restart & Recovery Advisory Council



John E. Harmon, will serve on New Jersey's Restart & Recovery Advisory Council. Convened by Governor Phil Murphy as part of a comprehensive public health and economic response to Covid-19, the objective of the New Jersey Restart & Recovery Advisory Council (The Council) is to bring together leaders from various industry, community, and anchor groups and institutions across the state in order to advise state leadership on economic matters impacted by the pandemic.

As a member of the "Main Street Committee" Harmon's role will consist of:

- serving as a representative for the businesses and people within his sector.
- calling the state's attention to less visible economic hardships brought on by the pandemic.
- providing feedback and advice on emerging state and regional economic policies as we continue to confront the health crisis.

Carlos Medina Esq.

Chairman
Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey

- A successful business owner, Carlos Medina was elected Statewide
 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey's Chairman in 2012 and
 serves since as a volunteer Chairman working long hours for the NJ
 business community.
- The SHCCNJ represents over 119,000 Hispanic-owned business, which contributes more than \$22 billion in revenue.
- Under Mr. Medina's leadership, the SHCCNJ launched a half-hour weekly program to educate and empower Hispanic small business owners titled "Amigos de Univision" in partnership with Univision New York, a part of Univision Communications Inc. The programming was developed with those small business owners sheltering in place due to COVID-19 restrictions particularly in mind.

Carlos Medina on the resources that are highlighted during COVID-19 through "Amigos de Univision"

We explore topics including: Small Business 101: Everything you need to know to kick-start your business; how to gain access to financial resources; highlights of best examples of successful businesses; and profile spotlights on local small business owners.



Omar Bey M.D., FCCP

Pulmonary Critical Care Physician Founder & CEO, OBHealthy

- Omar Bey M.D., FCCP is a Nutritional Support and Critical Care Pulmonary physician, speaker, author, TV host, creator of a physician health ministry and developer of OBHealthy, a website that emphasizes weight loss for better health.
- Dr. Bey's leadership is vested in health and wellness. Producer and host of Newark's medical cable TV show, "A Moment in Medicine," there are 100+ shows in which he addresses matters related to health.
- He is also founder and chairman of Community United Providers, a nonprofit organization commonly known as "CUP." CUP publishes the African American Physician Directory.
- His active work to enhance quality healthcare and expand medical advancements, transpires in an executive role as Chairman on the Board of Directors for Newark Community Health Centers.
- In a former executive role, he served as President of New Medical Association for many years. It is one of the oldest professional societies, founded in 1895 for African American physicians.



Barbara George Johnson, MPH, JD Executive Director The John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy of Thomas Edison State University

- Barbara George Johnson currently holds the title of Executive Director of the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy at Thomas Edison State University.
- Barbara brings more than 20 years of experience as a public policy professional in New Jersey and has been a leading voice in shaping health and social policy in the region.
- As Executive Director of the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy,
 Barbara manages the activities of the New Jersey Urban Mayors Association.
 She also oversees the six policy centers housed at the Institute focused on
 early childhood education, urban environmental issues, public health, civic
 engagement and leadership development, and capacity building.

Barbara on COVID-19's impact on urban communities:

"The COVID19 pandemic has lifted the vail on the inequities of our country and brought to light the plight of black and brown members of our society. As we plan the re-opening of our businesses, schools and government agencies, let's take this opportunity to re-boot, making systemic changes that create a just environment, allowing all of our citizens to live in economically sound, innovative and healthy communities."



Important Resources

City of Newark COVID-19 Help Portal and the Data Dashboard:

https://newarkcovid19.com/

https://newarkcovid19.com/data

State of New Jersey COVID-19 Portal:

https://covid19.nj.gov/

NJ Department of Education COVID 19 website for updates and resources:

https://www.nj.gov/education/covid19/

African American Chamber of Commerce:

https://www.aaccnj.com/

Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce https://shccnj.org/covid-19-updates/

The John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy of Thomas Edison State University:

https://www.tesu.edu/watson/institute/

