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1. Q: Gun shops have been designated as essential businesses, how and what changes for us?

Nothing changes for how we process applications during the COVID-19 response and recovery. We will continue to process FARS applications with the expectation that there will be delays. Gun shops are allowed to re-open with certain restrictions. All businesses must operate by appointment only.

2. Q: Can gun shops that also maintain a shooting range allow customers to shoot?

Current guidance allows a gun shop to open by appointment only for the purposes of selling firearms and ammunition. In order to maintain effective social distancing and protect the citizens of the state, ranges were not included. The business may be open, but the range will remain closed.

3. Q: Will the fingerprint vendor start accepting appointments again? When?

The fingerprint vendor will accept appointments on a limited basis. Appointments will begin once each facility is properly cleaned and an appropriate schedule can be made to account for social distancing. Applicants should be instructed to monitor the vendors' site for availability.

4. Q: Is the mental health check in FARS operating normally?

Yes, the mental health inquiry is now operating as it should.

5. Q: Is the Governor going to authorize extensions for permits?

Handgun Purchase Permits will not be receiving an extension; however, all permits may be extended for an additional 90 days not to exceed 180 days total. We are still waiting on final word regarding Retired Police Officer Permits to Carry and Civilian Permits to Carry.



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6. Q: Is NICS up and running since the gun shops are allowed to conduct business?

Yes, NICS will be operational while adhering to social distancing and curfews. Expect delays.

If you have further questions, please send them via email to FirearmsInvestUnit@gw.njsp.org and we will respond within three business days.