



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
THE CITY OF CAMDEN  
NEW JERSEY

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**CITY OF CAMDEN**

To all residents and persons within the City of Camden, New Jersey and to all Departments of the Municipal Government of the City of Camden ("City"):

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the powers established by Chapter 251 of the Laws of 1942, as amended and supplemented, and codified at N.J.S.A. App. A: 9-30 et seq., the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, in conjunction with the Mayor of Camden, is authorized to declare a local public health emergency to exist within the boundaries of the City of Camden; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules and regulations as are necessary to meet the various problems which have or may occur due to such an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, by reason of the conditions which are imminent due to the local, regional and national presence of the COVID-19 virus, commonly known as Coronavirus, resulting pandemic, and its anticipated impact on Camden, which may affect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Camden, there is a need for a local public health emergency to be declared to exist within the boundaries of the City of Camden; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the entirety of the City of Camden should be declared a public health emergency area and that certain measures must be taken in order to ensure that the authorities are able to maintain and restrict the orderly flow of persons and traffic, and to protect persons and property affected by the above-described emergency conditions.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in accordance with the aforesaid laws, it is promulgated and declared that the following regulations shall be implemented by the City of Camden, in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey and the City of Camden:

1. **Effective March 16, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. today and for the next two (2) weeks or until further notice**, in consultation with the City's Emergency Management Coordinator (OEM Coordinator), the City hereby declares a State of Public Health Emergency within the City of Camden as the City continues to deal with the local, regional and national presence of the COVID-19 virus, commonly known as Coronavirus. This Declaration is consistent with the State of Emergency declared by the President of the United States, by New Jersey's Governor, and by the County of Camden, and is the result of ongoing collaboration and consultations between the Mayor's Office, the OEM Coordinator, City Administrative Departments, Camden

City School District Superintendent, County of Camden and other local, regional, State health and emergency management officials, and federal representatives; and is intended to help contain the spread of COVID-19 as the number of cases in the nation, state, region, and locally grows. A State of Emergency in the City of Camden has been deemed necessary to ensure the continued provision of essential services to its residents during this ongoing and developing health emergency;

2. **Effective March 16, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. today for the next two (2) weeks or until further notice**, Camden City Hall, City Community Centers, and all other City facilities will be closed to the public and access restricted to Essential City of Camden Personnel only. A list of Essential City of Camden Personnel, as determined by the respective City Department Directors, shall be disseminated to the Camden County Office of Emergency Management.
3. Essential Employees, such as, without limitation, City Fire Department, Department of Public Works, and City School Crossing Guard personnel, and others as determined by City Department Directors, shall report to work as usual. Non-essential employees shall not report to work; but, are expected to be on call and shall work remotely as directed by their Director and/or other superior. As such, all City employees will continue to receive regular compensation during this emergency. All employees shall confer with their Director and/or other superior for direction and expectations of availability during this extraordinary period.
4. All public safety operations of the City will continue with specified limitations in public access;
5. A copy of this declaration shall be transmitted immediately to the Camden County Office of Emergency Management.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date: March 16, 2020, 4:30 p.m.  
MAYOR FRANCISCO MORAN

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date: March 16, 2020, 4:30 p.m.  
KEITH L. WALKER

Emergency Management Coordinator