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**Municipal Clerks:** Please forward to your Mayor, Governing Body and Department Heads.

To assist in providing guidance and information we have created a [COVID-19 resource page](#). We will continue to update the page as we get pertinent information and include announcements in our Daily Updates.

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### I. State Issues List of and Guidelines for Business Openings

The State has issued a listing of businesses that may be open and what guidelines must be followed by those businesses. The [comprehensive document](#) may be a useful tool for you and your business community.

### II. Hurricane and Flood Planning

One month into Hurricane Season, and with already five named North Atlantic storms, you may need to revisit your Weather Emergency plans, this year. In the midst of a pandemic, rescue, evacuation, and emergency shelter protocols will need some rethinking, by you, your Emergency Management teams, and by your residents.

The [National Weather Service has some information](#) and [New Jersey's Office of Emergency Management has resources](#).

And to be sure that your community gets all the support it deserves, no matter what Nature brings, make certain that all your citizens count, by ensuring that they are counted. Direct those who have yet to respond to this year's [Census](#).

### III. Federal Small Business Aid Program Extended

Before leaving Washington last week, for their two-week District Business period, Congress voted to extend authorization for the Payroll Protection Program (PPP). A key component of the CARES Act, the PPP had sunset on June 30. The extension was signed on Saturday, allowing the Small Business Administration to continue to accept applications, through August 8.

Please let all of your struggling small businesses know that they can apply for forgivable PPP loans, through the Small Business Administration (SBA). Information and applications can be accessed at [SBA's PPP web page](#). This loan program provides loan forgiveness for retaining employees by temporarily expanding the traditional SBA 7(a) loan program. *A PPP loan can help businesses keep their workforce employed during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.*



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