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CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 UPDATE

According to an announcement made today, March 16, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy is ordering the following:

- Closure of ALL pre-K, K-12 schools, colleges, and universities beginning 3/18
- Closure of ALL casinos, racetracks, theaters, gyms
- Closure of ALL non-essential retail, recreational, & entertainment businesses after 8:00 PM
- Banning gatherings of 50+

All bars and restaurants are closed for eat-in services effective 8:00 PM tonight. After 8:00 PM, these establishments may open for takeout and delivery services ONLY, until further notice. These restrictions exist during daytime hours.

All pre-K through grade 12 schools (public, private, and parochial) and all colleges and universities will close effective Wednesday, March 18th until it's deemed by health officials to be safe for in-person classes to resume.

Starting tonight, all non-essential and non-emergency travel in New Jersey is strongly discouraged between the hours of 8:00 PM AND 5:00 AM. This will remain in effect for the foreseeable future. We want everyone to be home – and not out.

Essential businesses which are necessary for the public's health, safety, and welfare – like supermarkets and grocery stores, pharmacies, medical offices, and gas stations – may remain open past 8:00 PM.

Effective 8:00 PM tonight, all movie theaters, gyms, casinos, and racetracks will close entirely until it is deemed safe for their reopening. Online gaming will continue.

Effective tonight, all other non-essential retail, recreational, and entertainment businesses MUST CLOSE after 8:00 PM. During daytime hours, these businesses may remain open if they limit their occupancy to no more than 50 persons and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

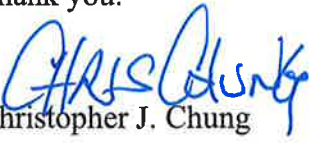
All gatherings of over 50 individuals are CANCELLED effective 8:00 PM tonight.

Again, I urge everyone to please exercise appropriate social distancing and wash your hands frequently. It is the most effective thing you can do to avoid being infected or being a

carrier of the virus infecting others. Please continue to adhere to the recommendations of the CDC (www.cdc.gov) with regard to washing hands, disinfecting surfaces, and avoiding large gatherings.

Common sense is still our best defense. As you can appreciate, this is a constantly evolving situation and we will do everything possible to provide you with the most up to date information. Please visit our website www.mypalisadespark.com for further updates.

Thank you.


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