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**COUNTY OF CAMDEN**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

TO ALL CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND BUREAUS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

- WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Chapter 251 of the Laws of 1942, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-30 et. seq.; N.J.S.A. 40:48-1(6), and ordinances enacted pursuant thereto; N.J.S.A. 2C:33-1 et. seq.; and by ordinances adopted by the County of Camden, I have declared that a local emergency exists within the County of Camden; and
- WHEREAS, by aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules and regulations, as are necessary to meet the various problems which have or may be presented by such an emergency; and
- WHEREAS, by reasons of a pandemic that exists, and other conditions which presently exist in the United States of America which may affect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the County of Camden; and
- WHEREAS, it has been determined that the County of Camden shall take certain measures to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of the public which may include public health restrictions on activities undertaken by a person or group including movement restrictions or a requirement for monitoring by a public health authority, for the purposes of protecting the public's health, public health orders may be issued to enforce isolation, quarantine or conditional release; and
- WHEREAS, Public Health Officials will be unhampered in their efforts to maintain law and order, as well as maintain a safe and healthy environment for the purpose of same, and further in order to protect the persons and property of the residents affected by the conditions; and
- WHEREAS, resources and personal protective equipment necessary to maintain a safe and healthy environment and protect the persons and property of the residents are limited and distributed upon need and request; and
- WHEREAS, public health orders, as given by the State of New Jersey shall supersede any and all orders previously given by the County of Camden; and
- WHEREAS, the following areas are designated disaster areas: **the entire political subdivision of the County of Camden.**

NOW, THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH the aforesaid laws, I do hereby promulgate and declare the following regulations shall be in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey and of the County of Camden; The following definitions be adhered to:

At the close of business on March 16, 2020 through March 31, 2020, Camden County and its Agencies will activate emergency measures to reduce governmental operations to only essential functions. This measure will help address social distancing and limit the exposure and spread of COVID-19.

All essential employees, such as law enforcement, corrections, public safety, and others as dictated by your 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 superiors. As such all employees will continue to receive regular compensation during this emergency. All employees shall confer with their superiors for direction and expectations of availability during this unique time.

Public health officials have the authority to quarantine confirmed and presumptive positive COVID-19 cases; quarantine as defined by the Center for Disease Control, "separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick".

If an individual suspects they may have been exposed to COVID-19, please contact a primary care physician and follow their guidance; remember to call prior to arrival to permit the facility to prepare for your arrival; an individual may choose to self-isolate themselves if they believe they may have been exposed to COVID-19; self-isolation, as defined by the Center for Disease Control, "should stay in a separate room and, if possible, use a separate bathroom and have minimal contact with other persons for 14 days".

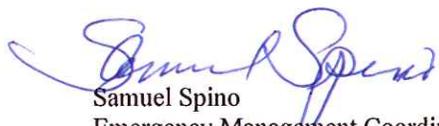
All local municipalities shall define a list of essential personnel for their jurisdiction; essential personnel as defined by, "the employees who are required to report to their designated work locations, to ensure the operation of essential functions or departments"; this list shall be disseminated to the Camden County Office of Emergency Management.

In accordance with recent COVID-19 updates and recommendations, all grocery and convenience stores shall discontinue all self-serve beverage and food offerings until further notice. This suspension applies to all self-serve beverage and food offerings, including coffee and cappuccino bars, fountain drinks and sodas, roller grills, bakery cases, soup and salad bars, nacho/chili cheese machines, and condiment bars. Convenience retailers may continue to sell all beverage and food offerings, however, an employee of the retailer must dispense the beverage or food item along with any necessary condiments directly to the customer. Convenience retailers must continue to ensure that all high-touch areas are regularly sanitized.

Out of an abundance of caution and in accordance with guidance from the CDC and State officials, all playgrounds, public bathrooms and water fountains located within the Camden County Park System shall be closed until further notice. Parks locations will remain open as outdoor-only facilities during regular operating hour.

AS EVIDENCE THEREOF, I HAVE SET MY HAND AND SEAL this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 at \_\_\_\_\_ hours in execution thereof.

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