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**PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT!**  
**RECREATIONAL BATHING FACILITIES**

**TO:** Recreational Bathing Facilities – All facilities to remain closed

**Subject:** COVID-19 (Coronavirus) – Governor’s Executive Order

Effective March 9, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order 103 declaring an indefinite Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency in New Jersey due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Due to the ongoing public health emergency, we are uncertain in what ways and to what extent the Governor's policy of social distancing will impact the 2020 recreational bathing season. Governor Murphy's Executive Order 107 was enacted March 21, 2020 to support the State's mitigation strategy of social distancing. Recreational bathing facilities are considered locations where large numbers of individuals may gather in congregation when physical proximity to other individuals may be dangerous and individuals may encounter common surfaces. Therefore, as per Governor Murphy's Executive Order 107, all recreational bathing facilities are currently closed until further notice.

This office is not able to predict, if or when, the recreational facilities will be permitted to open this year.

**No recreational bathing facilities (bathing beaches, pools, hot tubs, spas, spray parks, wading pools, waterparks, etc.) are approved to open at this time, and all facilities are to remain closed until further notice.**

The Sussex County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health, appreciates your patience and understanding. We will try to provide you with the most current guidance as it is received from the New Jersey Department of Health, CDC, and Governor's Office.

For more information please visit:

New Jersey Department of Health: <https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/sanitation-safety/prb.shtml>