

An Overview of Several Recent Executive Orders from Governor Murphy

Although the bulk of public attention has understandably been focused on New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy's March 21, 2020 "[Stay at Home](#)" [Executive Order 107](#), it is also important for New Jersey residents to understand key aspects of other Executive Orders issued by the governor in recent days, as follows:

Executive Order 105

This Order, effective as of March 19, 2020, addresses New Jersey's upcoming elections by implementing several measures to facilitate the exercise of New Jersey voters' voting franchise while maintaining public safety during the COVID-19 pandemic by:

The intended purpose of these measures is to assure that all eligible citizens are able to exercise their right to vote.

Executive Order 106

This Order, effective as of March 19, 2020, protects New Jersey residential tenants from being forcibly removed from their residences during the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the Order:

Executive Order 109

This Order requires that all adult elective medical and dental surgeries, and all adult invasive procedures, be suspended as of Friday, March 27, 2020 at 5:00pm. An elective surgery or invasive procedure is defined as a procedure that can be delayed without undue risk to the current or future health of the patient as determined by the patient's treating physician or dentist. For purposes of this Order, family planning services, including the termination of a pregnancy, is not considered an elective surgery or procedure.

This temporary suspension on elective surgeries is twofold. First, it allows for resources such as medical personnel, supplies, and beds to be allocated to those suffering from COVID-19. Second, it reduces the potential exposure of healthy patients to patients being treated for COVID-19.

Additionally, an [expanded analysis](#) of this Executive Order is available in the COVID-19 Resources section of our website.

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