



# TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE

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## Press Release 4/1/22

- 1. CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 VIRUS IN THE TOWNSHIP:**  
As of **March 31, 2022** the Burlington County Department of Health has reported **Two Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-Nine (2,249) confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus in Florence Township**. Unfortunately, **twenty-eight (28) residents** have passed away.

**COVID-19 Testing to include PCR & Rapid Testing:** The only Burlington County COVID-19 testing site still open is in Willingboro. Visit the Burlington County Health Department web-site for dates and times: [co.burlington.nj.us/1927/COVID-19-Testing](https://co.burlington.nj.us/1927/COVID-19-Testing)  
For Federal Sites visit [www.covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) or state's saliva test: [learn.vaulthealth.com](https://learn.vaulthealth.com)

For those who are homebound, vaccinations can be scheduled by calling the Burlington County Health Dept at 609-266-5548.

The CDC is updating its recommendations to allow certain immunocompromised individuals and people over the age of 50 who received an initial booster dose at least 4 months ago to be eligible for another mRNA booster to increase their protection against severe disease from COVID-19. Individuals can book their appointments on the NJVSS website or use the NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Finder to get an appointment at locations throughout New Jersey at <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>.

The new Burlington County Megasite hours are:

**WEEKS OF MARCH 13<sup>th</sup> through APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>:**  
Tuesdays 9am to 3:45pm (March 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>)  
Tuesdays 9am to 1:45pm (April 5<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>)  
Fridays 11am to 5:45pm  
Saturdays 9am to 1:45pm

**CLOSED EASTER WEEKEND APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**WEEKS OF APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> through APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>:**  
Fridays 11am to 5:45pm  
Saturdays 9am to 1:45pm

**Mask Recommendations:** KN95 or N95 or double layered well-fitting surgical and cloth are still recommended by the CDC in certain situations (immunocompromised, etc.). Here is the link to the CDC page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>.

Websites for looking up approved Kn95 and N95 masks are CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html> and [www.ProjectN95.org](https://www.ProjectN95.org).

2. **Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic:** The 2022 Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Public Works garage located at 875 Summer Street from 10am-12pm. The deadline to register/renew your dog and/or cat license has been extended to Saturday, April 30 and a late fee will be charged for each pet licensed after that date. Licenses may be obtained from the Township Clerk's Office, 711 Broad Street, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday or by mail. If renewing by mail, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope, license form, proof of rabies vaccination, proof of spaying/neutering and a check made payable to Township of Florence.
3. **The Florence Historical Society Open House** scheduled for April 3, 2022 has been cancelled. The next open house is planned for September, 2022.
4. **Trash Collection:** Beginning April 4, 2022, the trash collection will be twice a week until the end of October.
5. **Municipal Offices:** The municipal building is open to the public. **For the safety of our employees and the public, we encourage individuals to wear a mask while inside the municipal building, especially if you are not feeling well.** We encourage the public to continue to use the drop box located inside the front entrance to the Municipal Building for all payments, license renewals, construction permits, etc. Normal office hours are 9am – 4:30pm.
6. **Animal Licenses:** For your health and safety, we will be accepting the animal license renewals via our drop box located in the lobby of the municipal building or through the mail. Checks or money orders are the required form of payment. Once we receive your completed form & payment, we will mail you the license and the tag.
7. **Recycling:** **The recycling center hours are:**  

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11am to 5pm  
Saturday from 9am to 3pm
8. **Township Council Meetings:** The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, April 6, 2022 starting at 7:00pm. **For the safety of our board members, professionals and the public, residents are encouraged to attend the meeting virtually.** Instructions for virtual attendance can be found on the Township's Home Page website [www.florence-nj.gov](http://www.florence-nj.gov) or by calling the Clerk's Office at 609-499-2525 Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
9. **Zoning & Planning Board Meetings:** For the safety of our board members, professionals and the public, residents are encouraged to attend the meeting virtually. Instructions for virtual attendance can be found on the Township's Home Page website [www.florence-nj.gov](http://www.florence-nj.gov). The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 7:30pm. The next Zoning Board meeting is Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:30pm.
10. **Tax Bills & Water/Sewer Bills:** Payments can be made online [www.florence-nj.gov](http://www.florence-nj.gov) or use the Drop Box located next to the trophy case in our front lobby. **The Drop Box will be checked multiple times daily for your convenience. Payments must be check or money orders, NO CASH.** Please provide a phone number with your payment and we will call to confirm payment was received. Please allow 48 hours for your payment to be posted to our online account portal. Feel free to call the office with any questions, 609-499-2525. The office hours are 9am – 4:30pm. Any documents left in the drop box

will be processed and mailed back to residents as needed. The Drop Box is available 24/7 for resident's convenience.

- 11. Construction Office:** The office hours are 9am – 4:30pm. Residents and developers dropping off permits, plans, etc. are encouraged to use the drop box located inside the front entrance to the Municipal Building. Any questions, please call the Construction Office at (609) 499-2130.
- 12. Police Department: Boat Ramp permits will be required effective April 1, 2022.** The police lobby window will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 8am -4:30pm, Wednesday 8am – 8pm and Saturday 8am -1pm. If you require police assistance, please use the yellow call box located by the Municipal Building Main Lobby doors. When using the call box, please state your business to the call taker. A police officer will subsequently be dispatched to handle your matter. Please see Police Department web-site on how to obtain Police Reports, Handicap Placards or call (609) 499-3131.
- 13. Municipal Court:** We encourage individuals paying tickets and/or fines to continue to pay on-line or use the drop box located inside the front entrance to the Municipal Building. Please contact the Court Office at (609) 499-2222 if you have any questions. The office hours are 9am – 4:30pm Monday - Friday.

**I apologize for the inconvenience that these temporary operational changes may cause to our residents. Florence Township will continue to do our best to deliver a high level of services to our residents as we meet the challenges of the unprecedented COVID-19.**

Mayor Craig Wilkie