



# TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE

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## Press Release 6/17/22

- COVID COMMUNITY IMPACT** - On May 5, 2022, the Burlington County Health Department released its final municipal level daily case counts. With the increased use of home testing resulting in many cases going unreported, coupled with high vaccination rates and more treatment options available for those who become infected, it was determined that daily case and fatality counts are no longer the most pertinent indicators to measure the impact and trajectory of COVID-19 moving forward. The COVID-19 Community Impact Dashboard (<https://burlconj.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/16e1e482d1a446a3b4f73fee4592b430>) will continue to be updated once weekly (typically on Mondays) with municipality level data and case rates as well as other metrics to monitor local transmission and burden.

If you would like additional information on COVID-19, including county-wide totals for daily new cases from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), please visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/>. On behalf of BCHD, thank you for your continuous support, feedback, and commitment to public health.

**TESTING: 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) To order a Federal test kit visit [www.covidtests.gov](http://www.covidtests.gov) or state's saliva test: [learn.vaulthealth.com](http://learn.vaulthealth.com)

**VACCINATION: For those who are homebound, vaccinations can be scheduled by calling the Burlington County Health Dept at 609-265-5548.**

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>.

Effective 5/19/22 the CDC approved booster vaccinations for 5 to 11-year-olds.

The new Burlington County Megasite June Schedule hours are:

**Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.**

**Fridays 11 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.**

**Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.**

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

Websites for looking up approved KN95 and N95 masks are:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html> and [www.ProjectN95.org](http://www.ProjectN95.org).

2. **Bike Rodeo – Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the rear parking lot of the municipal building. Activities will include helmet give-a-ways, bike registrations, fire truck displays, refreshments, bicycle skills course and more.**
3. **Garden Tour: On June 18th, 2022 the Roebling Museum is planning a safe and fun opportunity for people of all ages to get together and celebrate the beautiful weather and local gardens in the town famous for building America’s most iconic bridges. They are offering timed tours every hour from 10-2pm and will also have a self-guided option too. Please contact the Museum at (609) 499-7200 if you have any questions. The Museum is located at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave & Main Streets.**
4. **2022 Florence Township Patriotic Celebration July 9, 2022: This year is the 150th Anniversary of Florence Township, so it is a special milestone to be celebrated with family, friends and neighbors!**

Anyone interested in entering their business or other organization into the parade, please fill out an entry form and return to the township office as soon as possible (forms are located on the township web-site). If you know someone with an antique car, area business, non-profit or other parade display, please encourage them to come out and have a great time. Please email [recreation@florence-nj.gov](mailto:recreation@florence-nj.gov) with any questions.

**Schedule of Events:**

**11:00 a.m. - Flag Raising at 5<sup>th</sup> & Oak Streets, Florence**

**12 p.m. – Parade route begins on E. Fifth Street, turns left onto Olive Street, turns left onto Delaware, continues along Delaware, and turns left onto Broad Street. The parade will finish at the municipal complex just beyond 6th & Broad Streets.**

**5 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - Concert, Food & Fireworks will be held in the fields behind the Municipal Building, 9<sup>th</sup> & Broad Street, Florence**

5. **Water Service & Sewer Service Lines:** Recently we have received inquiries regarding who is responsible for the water service and sewer service lines from the main to the property line and into the building (residence/business). The entire service line, including valves and clean-outs is the responsibility of the home owner/business owner to the connection at the main line. Please check the condition of your service lines, clean-outs and valves as they all eventually need to be repaired or replaced. If your service lines date back prior to 1980, there is a good chance the piping needs to be repaired or replaced. Also, it is a good idea to check with your insurance company to determine coverage in the event of a leak or pipe failure. Most home owner insurances will provide additional insurance for coverage. You may contact the Water & Sewer Department for assistance in assessing your service lines (609) 499-2518.
6. **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 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
7. **Recycling Center:** The recycling center hours are:  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

8. **School District:** Registration is now open for Kindergarten. To register visit the school district web-site at [florence.k12.nj.us](http://florence.k12.nj.us) and click on the registration information tab or call (609) 499-4600.
9. **Township Council Meetings:** **The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, July 6, 2022 starting at 7:00 p.m. For the safety of our council 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.

**If you are unable to attend the meeting in person or virtual, you can review the zoom version of the meeting by going to the Home Page of the township web-site. There are several ways to view the zoom recording:**

1. **Click on "Documents" tab, then click on "Recorded Zoom Meetings".**
2. **Click on "Government" tab, then click on "Recorded Zoom Meetings".**
3. **Click on "Documents" tab, click on "Agenda & Minutes", click on 2022 Township Council, and at the top of the page "Click Here to View Township Zoom Recordings"**

10. **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, June 28, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. (The Master Plan Public Hearing will continue at this meeting).**

**A Special Zoning Board meeting will be held Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

**The next Regular Zoning Board meeting is Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

**If you are unable to attend the meeting in person or virtual, you can review the zoom version of the meeting by going to the Home Page of the township web-site. To view the recorded meeting:**

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11. **Tax Bills & Water/Sewer Bills: Reminder** – 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 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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.

12. **Construction Office:** The office hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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.

13. **Police Department:** The police lobby window will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.. 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.

**14. 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 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Mayor Craig Wilkie