



UPDATES AND RESOURCES

March 20, 2020

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Diaper Banks-Plainfield Locations

Salvation Army of Plainfield
Address: 615 Watchung Ave.
(908)0756-2595x108 or 102

Church of Living God
Address 434 E 4th St.
(908)456-5974

New Covenant Church of God
225 E. 7th St.
(908)226-0223

Mama from Heaven Food Pantry
324 Monroe Ave.
(908)273-4897

Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens

Please check this link below for locations and available to you:

[Link to Locations and Hours of Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens](#)

County Operations, Services and Event Advisories

Due to the COVID-19 statewide emergency please see the following changes in Union County

County Clerk

- The Westfield Passport Office is closed until further notice.
- All passports, notary and inheritance tax waivers will be processed in the Elizabeth Office, Room

113, 2 Broad Street from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. by appointment only. Call [908-527-4966](tel:908-527-4966) for an appointment.

- Frequent land records submitters, such as law firms and banks, are encouraged to use an e-filing service (the vendors used by the County Clerk are [Corporation Service Company](#) and [SimpliFile](#)).

During the COVID 19 crisis, County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has taken several initiatives in light of the challenges presented by the virus. We are deeply concerned about the safety of our voters and well as their democratic right to vote.

Vote by Mail is the most safe and secure option for the Primary Election. Download the application located on our app and website.

Email ucvote@ucnj.org with any change of addresses, especially for college and out of state students who are now home.

Return paid postage on all Vote by Mail ballots is implemented for the June Primary Election.

Safe, secure peel and stick envelopes is implemented for VBM ballots and inner certificate envelopes for the June Primary Election.

Parks and Recreation

All permits for activities and events are postponed including athletic fields, picnics areas, special events, Maskers Barn rentals, archery group lessons and scouting areas.

Facilities that are closed until further notice include: Warinanco Sports Center, Trailside Nature and Science Center, Watchung Stable, Galloping Hill and Ash Brook Golf Courses.

For questions or concerns, please contact the Parks Department by email at parksinfo@ucnj.org.

Recycling

All countywide recycling events sponsored by Union County have been cancelled during the months of March and April. This applies to Mobile Paper Shredding Events, Household Hazardous Waste Programs, and Scrap Metal Recycling.

IDRC – Intoxicated Driving Resource Center (IDRC) (Human Services)

Casses scheduled for March 17-18 and March 31-April 1 have been cancelled. For questions and/or concerns regarding the IDRC program, please email idrc@ucnj.org or call [908-527-4791](tel:908-527-4791) or [908-527-4804](tel:908-527-4804). Please note that there may be a delay in IDRC response due to increased call/email volume during this time.

American Job Centers (Human Services)

Both of the American Job Centers (in Elizabeth and Plainfield) are open at this time. However, please call ahead in case of changes.

Paratransit (Human Services)

Only life-sustaining medical trips will be made. All other transportation is cancelled until further notice, including the Route 22 Safety Shuttle.

Meals on Wheels (Human Services)

All remaining congregate sites are closed. Any person who previously ate at one of the 23 congregate meals sites and is unable to sustain without this assistance should call Union County Meals on Wheels [908-527-4870](tel:908-527-4870). Home delivered meals for persons with disabilities and seniors over 60 and older will continue and may be expanded for persons in need of food delivery in their homes.

Emergency Shelter for Persons who are Homeless (Human Services)

Persons who are homeless, or anyone assisting a homeless person can call the Division of Social Services at [908-965-2700](tel:908-965-2700). All arrangements for assistance will be made by phone.

After 4:00 p.m., all after-hours referrals for shelter should be directed to the Statewide Homeless Hotline, [211](tel:211) or [877-652-1148](tel:877-652-1148).

Snap Food Stamps, Cash Assistance and Work Requirements (Human Services)

To apply for SNAP food assistance, or cash assistance under the Work First New Jersey program, Union County residents may do so online at [org](#). An office visit is not required, as the Union County Division of Social Services will have staff is available to conduct interviews by phone.

Work First New Jersey cash assistance clients who are due for their case to be reviewed in March or April will receive a 60-day extension. The extension is automatic and does not require an office visit.

SNAP food assistance or Work First New Jersey cash assistance clients are excused from their work activity requirement without penalty. This includes people who are applying for Work First New Jersey General Assistance and who are in a work activity for 28 days while their application is being reviewed. Please note that voluntary participation in a work activity is allowed, if the activity is conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Clients are encouraged to mail or fax any needed paperwork to the Division of Social Services offices. For those dropping off papers by hand, use the drop boxes located in the front lobbies of the Social Services offices at 342 Westminster Avenue in Elizabeth or 200 West Second Street in Plainfield.

[LINK TO MORE RESOURCES AND IMPORTANT CONTACTS](#)