

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF GAMING  
ENFORCEMENT

ACTION OF THE  
DIVISION OF GAMING  
ENFORCEMENT TO TEMPORARILY  
SUSPEND CASINO and RETAIL SPORTS  
WAGERING OPERATIONS  
PURSUANT TO *N.J.S.A. 5:12-96*

**ORDER APPROVING  
STANDARDS FOR  
REVIEW OF CASINO  
REOPENING PLANS**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, Philip D. Murphy, having issued Executive Order No. 104 (2020) on March 16, 2020, the facts and circumstances of which are adopted by reference herein, and which declared a State of Emergency due to dangers posed by COVID-19 and ordering closed to the public casino gaming floors, including retail sports wagering lounges, and casino concert and entertainment venues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Gaming Enforcement (Division) on its own motion, having initiated proceedings pursuant to the Casino Control Act, *N.J.S.A. 5:12-1 et seq.* and *N.J.S.A. 5:12A-1 et seq.* and more specifically Section 96 of that law, *N.J.S.A. 5:12-96*, to temporarily suspend the operations of the nine casino licensees which closed all casino gaming floors, casino concert and entertainment venues in Atlantic City; and

**WHEREAS**, through Executive Orders No. 157 and 158 (2020), the Governor has authorized the reopening of indoor recreational and entertainment businesses, including all casinos and retail sports lounges, as of 6:00 a.m. on July 2, 2020, subject to the requirements contained in the Orders and any and all additional requirements imposed by the Division; and

**WHEREAS**, the Casino Association of New Jersey (CANJ), in collaboration with AtlantiCare Health System and UNITE 54 Labor Union has submitted to the Division its reopening protocols which are attached to this Order; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Paragraph 11 of Executive Order No. 157 (2020), the Division has adopted the CANJ protocols as the baseline and minimum standards that each Atlantic City casino is required to meet or exceed in order to reopen its premises to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, individual casinos that desire to reopen must submit reopening protocols to the Division that incorporate the standards outlined in Executive Orders No. 157 and 158 (2020) and that meet those included in the CANJ protocols, and certify that those protocols meet or exceed these requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, casinos that have a corresponding property which has reopened in another state must also certify to the Division that its reopening protocols for Atlantic City are as comprehensive, or more comprehensive than its operation in that other state; and

**WHEREAS**, as a precondition of reopening, each casino shall submit their individual reopening protocols to the Division for review and approval no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2020, and upon approval, each casino reopening plan will be published by each casino; and

**IT IS** on this 29 day of JUNE, 2020, **ORDERED** that the standards established for reopening, as set forth in the CANJ protocols set the baseline, minimum standard, by which all individual Atlantic City casino

reopening plans will be considered, reviewed, approved, and published, as set forth above.

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