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## *State of Emergency*

### *School Parking Lots Now Open to Jersey City Residents to Further Encourage Working Remotely*

**Jersey City – Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and the Superintendent of Jersey City Public Schools, **Dr. Franklin Walker**, announce expanded parking options for Jersey City residents at all public school parking lots citywide during the Covid-19 State of Emergency.

School officials have opened 33 school parking lots throughout each corridor of the city for residents to park their vehicles during the State of Emergency declared by Jersey City Monday night and by the State of New Jersey. The pandemic that has touched nearly every country worldwide has led to significant closures of most institutions where groups of people gather, forcing families to hunker down at home and limit all social activity.

“This is a tremendous gesture and a smart move by the School District to alleviate overburdened parking resources in the city with so many people sensibly staying home to avoid transmission of this highly contagious disease,” **Mayor Fulop** said. “This new availability of the lots illustrates how we are all pulling together to not only keep our residents safe, but to also ease the transition into to the emergency procedures we must follow to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.”

For the full list of schools and spaces available please visit [jcnj.org/coronavirus](http://jcnj.org/coronavirus).

“There are so many people who are usually going to work or taking their children to school, but now they are staying home due to the emergency but there aren’t enough parking spaces,” said **Franklin Walker, Superintendent of Jersey City Public Schools**. “By opening up the lots around the city, we can at least ease those anxieties somewhat and share what we have to be a part of the process in helping the community get through this challenging time.”

Since the beginning of the school year, Jersey City has partnered with the District in a pilot initiative to roll out a larger parking plan for residents at two schools, 24 and 28. The results of that program have been favorable and continues, making the new lots availability a promising initiative, Walker said.

Anyone who believes they have been infected with the virus or has come into contact with someone infected, is urged to contact their health care provider. Jersey City also established a hotline for anyone who believes they have contracted the virus at 201 547-5208. All city offices remain open, however, if seeking service, you must call first and make an appointment. Walk-ins are not permitted at this time.

Mayor Fulop is keeping residents informed by daily updates at 3 pm via Facebook Live on the [Jersey City Facebook Page](#) If you have specific questions you want us to answer, please email [fulops@jcnj.org](mailto:fulops@jcnj.org)

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