



**Howell Plaza Shopping Center**  
Media Inquiries: Katherine Winkleman  
(646) 234-8077, [winklemnpr@aol.com](mailto:winklemnpr@aol.com)

## **ROUTE 9 SHOPPING MALL RALLIES TO OFFER ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

**Designated Covid-19 Testing Site**  
**Finding Next Day Jobs for Unemployed, Laid off & Furloughed**  
**Free Cell Phone Disinfecting for Everyone**  
**Free Pretzels for Kids & Seniors**  
**Curbside/Delivery Meals (Bagels, Pizza, Pretzels & More)**  
**Blood Is Needed: Please Make an Appointment**  
**Donating Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

**Many Businesses at Howell Plaza Shopping Center are Open!**

*Located on the SW corner of Route 9 South and Aldrich Road, Howell, N.J.*

**HOWELL, NEW JERSEY, April 2, 2020** – Stores and businesses at Howell Plaza Shopping Center are rallying to stay open and provide essential services, including COVID-19 testing, free pretzels for students and elders and free cell phone disinfecting for customers and visitors alike.

### **DESIGNATED COVID-19 TESTING SITE: MEDEXPRESS**

The Howell MedExpress is a designated COVID-19 testing location, subject to testing supply availability. If you have shortness of breath, fever or cough, please call the center at (732) 886-7342 before leaving your home. Open 8am – 8pm every day.

If you are not experiencing these symptoms, please search [www.medexpress.com](http://www.medexpress.com) for the nearest alternative location.

### **FREE CELL PHONE DISINFECTING: CPR PHONE REPAIR**

Visitors and customers alike are welcome to come in and have their phone properly disinfected for free. “While this is a courtesy born out of necessity as COVID-19 adheres to phone surfaces, it allows us some socially-distanced face-to-face time with our neighbors,” says **Bob Rathschmidt**, owner of CPR Cell Phone Repair (CPR) at Howell Plaza Shopping Center. He cautions, “Phones are lifelines; it would be a terrible irony if they also make us sick.”

Bob explains that it is easy to disinfect your phone yourself by following these steps:

1. *Power down your phone*, take your phone out of its case and place it somewhere safe.

-- more

## SHOPPING MALL RALLIES TO OFFER ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Media Inquiries: Katherine Winkleman (646) 234-8077

2. **For the phone...**using a professional grade cleaner, lightly spray a microfiber cloth or lint-free cloth (or use a 70 percent isopropyl alcohol pad) and gently wipe your phone. **NOTE:** Be sure to avoid any openings like charging ports, buttons and speakers.
3. *For harder-to-reach crevices*, use a Q-tip to dislodge crumbs and grime.
4. **For the case...**if it's silicone or hard plastic, mix dish soap with water, clean lightly with a sponge or soft-bristled toothbrush and air dry. For leather, wood and cloth cases, go online for directions.

CPR Cell Phone Repair's hours have changed temporarily and will change as needed. Currently they are: 11am-5pm M-Sat; (732) 534-9965.

## FINDING JOBS WITHIN A DAY FOR UNEMPLOYED, LAID OFF & FURLOUGHED: EXPRESS EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS

*"We're moving fast to find people for jobs at local medical device manufacturers and distribution centers of all types to stock shelves and the like. Unless the job is for a skilled laborer, it's possible for qualified individuals to apply one day and land a job the next,"* says **Anna Santucci**, owner of Express Employment Professional at Howell Plaza Shopping Center.

There are more jobs than applicants since many people cannot or are unwilling to leave the sanctuary of their homes.

*"Those who provide essential services so the rest of us can thrive are heroes. They put their wellbeing on the line for the benefit of others,"* says Anna. She adds, *"The world is changing but we must hold onto our sanity. Right now, my team and I are laser focused on putting money in people's pockets and food on the table, one person at a time."*

While the office is closed to visitors, interviews are conducted virtually. Express Employment Professionals is available by phone: 8am – 5pm M-Th; 8am – 4pm F. Please call: (732) 806-9562.

## FREE PRETZELS, CURBSIDE PICK-UP FOR BAGELS<sup>+</sup> AND PRETZELS & PIZZA<sup>+</sup> DELIVERIES: KING OF BAGELS, PHILLY PRETZEL FACTORY, NONNO'S PIZZA

Pay ahead and call when you arrive and a meal can be brought to your car or, in some cases, to your home.

- **Philly Pretzel Factory:** pretzels, sodas, pretzel hot dogs, party trays. Delivery through DoorDash, Grubhub and Uber Eats and mobile and online ordering. Visit [www.PhilllyPretzelFactory.com](http://www.PhilllyPretzelFactory.com) or call (732) 994-5554. Hours may change but currently each day until 5pm. Curbside pickup.
  - Two free pretzels for students and seniors 10am - 2pm M-F during the statewide shutdown.
- **King of Bagels:** bagels, sandwiches, salads and more, 7am – 4pm, 7 days/week; (732) 534-9658. Curbside and inside pickup.
- **Nonno's Pizza:** wide range of Italian favorites. 11am - 8pm Tues-Sun; delivery only. [www.nonnospizzahowell.com](http://www.nonnospizzahowell.com) or (732) 367-3599.

## SHOPPING MALL RALLIES TO OFFER ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Media Inquiries: Katherine Winkleman (646) 234-8077

### **BLOOD DONATIONS ARE NEEDED: NEW JERSEY BLOOD SERVICES**

New Jersey Blood Services strongly urges individuals who feel healthy and well to make an appointment at a donor center to give blood and platelets. This will ensure they are prepared to support health agencies in our communities and across the country during this public health emergency.

Howell Donor Center has extended its operating hours to ensure ample appointments are available. Open Tuesday - Thursday for blood and platelets and open every Sunday for blood only (*ask for specific hours when calling for an appointment*). At this time, walk-ins will not be accepted to support donor flow and safety.

Giving blood is safe! Go to [www.nybc.org/coronavirus](http://www.nybc.org/coronavirus) to find out more and to make your appointment, or call (800) 933-2566.

### **DONATING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE): HARBOR FREIGHT**

The company is shipping more than 44 million pairs of nitrile gloves and hundreds of thousands of masks and face shields to hospitals in over 1,000 communities that its stores serve. The store is open M-Sat 8am – 6pm; Sun 9am - 5pm.

### **ALSO OPEN:**

- **Atlantic Physical Therapy Center:** washing hands and sanitizing all equipment after use, as a vital health-related business, the Center is open with limited hours that are subject to change. Call to verify at (732) 835-2055 or (877) 963-3378 for the Call Center. Currently the hours are: M & W 9am – 6pm, Tues 9am - Noon, Th 2 – 6pm and F 9am – 2pm.
- **Central Jersey Tax Services:** the office is open from 9am to 7pm every day for drop offs only. It's a good idea to call first: (732) 364-9090.
- **Farmers Insurance – Steve Johnson Agency:** working virtually, Steven and Stephen are available 9am – 6pm M – F. Call them on the office phone at (732) 987-9003
- **Jeena Jay Convenience:** offering limited food items, health and office supplies, greeting cards for the upcoming holidays and lottery tickets, Jeena Jay is open 7am - 7pm except for Sundays when it closes at 4pm. Hours may change, so call first at (732) 367-6888.
- **Shore Suds Laundromat:** machines are wiped down between customer use. Open each day from 7am to 8pm (last wash is at 6pm). Drop off service is offered, but call first (732) 363-8558.
- **U.S. Post Office:** the United States Postal Service (USPS) is operating on a regular schedule, and is reviewing and revising its contingency plans. Currently, hours are: M-F 10am – 5pm, Sat 8am – Noon.
- **Wine-o-land:** open 10am – 6pm M-Sun; order by phone (732) 730-2985 or at [www.wineoland.com](http://www.wineoland.com) or simply drop by while social distancing.

**Howell Plaza Shopping Center**, with its “shop local” sensibility, is situated in the center of a major retail corridor in Monmouth County’s dynamic Howell Township. Howell Plaza is directly accessible from the North and South via Route 9 and from East and West from Aldrich Road, the Townships main road. For information about leasing tenant space, please contact Ellen Gorin at 973-467-3303 ext. 316 or [Ellen@GinanLLC.com](mailto:Ellen@GinanLLC.com).

# # #