

YOUR MONTHLY UPDATE FROM TRENTON

FOR NEW JERSEY'S THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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The Fight for Fort Mott State Park

New Jersey's Third Legislative District lawmakers pushed hard for the reopening of Fort Mott State Park in Pennsville, following the State's sudden and surprising action to close the attraction to the public.

The decision to close the popular destination in August was made by New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP), which operates and manages the Park. The DEP cited funding and staffing challenges brought on by COVID-19 as the reason.

After learning of the closure, Senate President Sweeney, Deputy Speaker Burzichelli, and Assemblyman Taliaferro strongly fought for the reopening of the Park. We are pleased to announce the Park is again operational and welcoming visitors.

"It's critical that we keep this South Jersey treasure open and accessible for our constituents, who have come to rely on Fort Mott for recreational and educational activities. We will continue to be steadfast advocates for Fort Mott and all it offers to our constituents," said Senate President Sweeney, Deputy Speaker Burzichelli, and Assemblyman Taliaferro.



Ft. Mott State Park

COVID-19 News and Resources



- ▶ Additional help for parents in Cumberland and Salem Counties: if you have been impacted by your child's school or daycare being closed for in-person learning, there is a new [website](#) that offers explanations of benefits and protections that may be utilized when remote learning is mandatory, or for the days your child/children are required to be at home if they're attending school on alternate days.
- ▶ COVID-19 testing in Cumberland County [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ COVID-19 testing in Salem County [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ New Jersey Business Action Center offers recovery assistance for businesses affected by COVID-19 [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Gateway Community Action Partnership opens a wellness center at its Bridgton location to assist eligible individuals and families with a range of services [CLICK HERE](#)

FOOD BANK SERVING CUMBERLAND COUNTY GETS A BIG BOOST

Senate President Sweeney, Deputy Speaker Burzichelli, and Assemblyman Taliaferro are proud to announce a state funding award to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Inc., which serves Cumberland County.

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs provided the food bank with nearly \$90,000 to purchase hygiene supplies for distribution throughout the agency's service area.

"With so many of our friends and neighbors struggling financially from the impact of COVID-19, this funding award will provide much-needed assistance during these challenging times," said the Third District legislators.

Those seeking assistance may contact the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Inc. by clicking [here](#).

Third District Lawmakers Vote for State Budget

New Jersey's Third District legislators voted to support important provisions to the State's Fiscal Year 2021 budget. The spending plan includes the following:

- ⇒ New rebate program for middle class families
- ⇒ Maintains and restores funding for *Homestead Rebate* and the *Senior Freeze*
- ⇒ Tax exemption for retirement income under \$100,000
- ⇒ Restores funding for school-based mental health services
- ⇒ Subsidies to New Jersey's hospitals for providing care to the uninsured
- ⇒ Restores support for state and county colleges

