

AMTA NJ Government Relations Notice Posted 5/15/2020:

GR Committee continues to monitor the ever changing COVID-19 mitigation as it relates to practice of Massage and Bodywork Therapy. Our current status according to our lobbyist, Christina Zuk of Princeton Public Affairs Group (PPAG) is as follows:

"We regularly communicate with the Governor's office regarding the re-opening of different sectors of the economy, and at this point in time the focus remains on gradually permitting outdoor activities where maintaining social distancing is possible. That said, we have submitted AMTA-NJ's position for consideration when the discussion on personal care services begins and will continue to keep the association apprised of any developments."

A resource of interest for members who seek **real time updates from the Governor's office**, please visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/>
These daily briefings generally take place at 1:00 PM.

The **National AMTA website** is an excellent resource for guidelines for reopening post COVID-19.

Please find the information at <https://www.amtamassage.org/>

During the briefing of Friday, May 15, Governor Murphy announced that there will be additional funding available for continued financial assistance of NJ Small Business.

We hope this information provides reassurance that Massage and Bodywork Therapy is being closely watched for changes that affect our ability to practice safely.

Government Relations welcomes your e-mails of concern and opinion regarding "return-to-work" at GovRel.AMTANJ@gmail.com.