

COVID19 GUIDELINES FOR DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES LIVE AUCTIONS

Due to current COVID19 restrictions, the Division of Purchase and Property, DSS Surplus Property Unit (DSS) will resume live auctions with additional rules and guidelines related to the state of emergency in effect as a result of the current pandemic. It is emphasized that the wearing of masks will be required in order to enter the property and must be worn at all times. Social distancing rules will be enforced. Visitors will not be permitted entrance into any building on the premises. See NJ COVID19 Information Hub for complete info: <https://covid19.nj.gov/>

DSS conducts two types of auctions: one for various types of heavy equipment /heavy-duty vehicles (buses, tractors, dump trucks, front end loaders etc.) and another one for light-duty vehicles (cars).

1. The day before each auction (the Friday before the Saturday auction), DSS will conduct a preview 9am to 12pm. Masks and social distancing are required. IMPORTANT NOTE: There will be no exceptions to the mask requirement. Any person unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition, may send a proxy in his or her place. Full cooperation is expected.
2. Vehicle auctions will no longer be held in the bay area of the DSS building and vehicles will not be driven. All auctions will be held outside in the surplus yard, in accordance with State social distancing requirements and vehicles/equipment will remain stationary in order to facilitate social distancing. IMPORTANT NOTE: There will be no exceptions to the mask requirement. Any person unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition, may send a proxy in his or her place. Full cooperation is expected.
3. Before entering the property, all auction day participants will be required to acknowledge receiving a copy of the procedures, terms and conditions for Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Auctions.
4. DSS will conduct a head count so that the number of people, including DSS staff, does not exceed the state mandated limit.
5. Vehicles and equipment will be spaced in order to facilitate compliance with the State's social distancing requirements. Vehicles and equipment must not be moved and the bidders may inspect the equipment one hour prior to the start of the auction.
6. No keys will be handed out to the bidders on the day of the auction during the one hour period before the start of the auction. Vehicles may be inspected and checked to see if they run during the Friday preview. Vehicles will be started by the surplus property staff upon request during the preview.
7. The public must not enter the DSS building either the day of the auction or during the following week for those coming to complete their payments. Also, there are three portable restrooms on site for use by the public.
8. The winning bidder can complete the transaction outdoors, either the day of the auction or during the following week.
9. All winning bidders will be required to remove the equipment themselves, which is already an existing requirement.
10. Information for DSS auctions can be found at this webpage, which includes a separate link for terms and conditions: <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/dss/csdssauc.shtml>