



**Urban Edge
Properties
increases
engagement by
339% in GMB
customer actions
and 155% increase
in impressions on
Google Search
using Milestone's
local optimization
solution and
reviews module**

Challenge

Urban Edge Properties saw Google list its properties as “permanently closed” at the onslaught of the COVID-19 shutdown when in reality many of its centers’ tenants were open and operating. The company had not claimed or optimized any online listing platforms for its portfolio leaving listings open to the threat of pirate claims or Google assuming operations based on customer feedback. Further, the company did not have the time or staff to work through claiming 55 properties across 21 channels. Claiming and managing its listings would allow the REIT to listen to customer feedback, engage when necessary, and ensure that property information was correct.

Solution

Milestone approached the challenge by deploying key local strategies:

- 1. Milestone Local:** 55 shopping mall locations were optimized to build awareness and engagement online which started with UNAP consistency across all channels. The local listings and GMB profiles were optimized with key features such as hours, short names, descriptions, and more, and similar tactics were used to improve the Bing & Yelp local listings of the client.
- 2. Milestone Reviews Module:** The client employed Milestone’s Reviews Module to manage their online reputation by tracking reviews across all channels and responding to them. This helped in increasing engagement and customer trust.

Results

2 months following the deployment of the local strategies, the client witnessed:



**308%
increase**

in impressions on Bing
Search



**204%
increase**

in Total search on
GMB



**272%
increase**

in Discovery search
on GMB

100% % Increase in photo views