

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

Update 16: April 2, 2020

Good afternoon,

Governor Murphy has signed an [executive order](#), invoking the powers of [the Disaster Control Act](#), **formally authorizing Col. Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, New Jersey State Police Superintendent, in consultation with the commissioner of the NJ Department of Health, to commandeer medical supplies and equipment necessary to the State's COVID-19 response.** Medical supplies include, but are not limited to, N95 masks, other personal protective equipment, and ventilators.

According to [E.O. 113](#), “the state has made and continues to make all reasonable efforts to procure medical resources from the federal Strategic National Stockpile, FEMA, existing State caches of supplies, individual and corporate donations, and through traditional private sector purchasing, but despite these efforts, there remains a critical shortage of medical resources in the state.”

Based on previous conversations with the administration and press conferences, it is our belief that this will be used as a last resort effort to commandeer medical supplies and equipment from private companies. It is also likely that medical offices that were deemed closed and non-essential by [E.O. 109](#), are more likely to cooperate with the state knowing that the NJSP now has the power to commandeer their supplies, if the state is unable to reach an agreement to acquire PPE with those entities.

We still believe that in most cases as it relates to our member companies that complied with E.O. 109, Section 7, that this is a last resort effort and the state will work with companies to acquire excess PPE without disrupting operations; however, if the situation worsens, E.O. 113 clearly makes hospitals and health professionals a priority.

If products are commandeered, Compensation shall be provided following the procedures established by the Disaster Control Act, [N.J.S.A. App. A:9-51](#).

We will continue to encourage the administration to work with private companies to acquire PPE in a way that does not disrupt operations.

Reminder to our member companies that qualify as small businesses, tomorrow at **9AM, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) will launch the application for its Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program.** A link to the grant program application will be posted on the State's [COVID-19 Business Information Hub](#). The grant program is part of a [package of initiatives announced last week](#) to support businesses and workers facing economic hardship due to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

“STAY AT HOME” EXECUTIVE ORDER 107 STILL IN PLACE

As mentioned at the start, the “Stay at Home” **Executive Order No. 107** remains in full effect. “**Manufacturing, industrial, logistics, ports, heavy construction, shipping, food production, food delivery, and other commercial operations may continue to operate....**”

Governor continues to remind the private sector that even though the E.O. deems manufacturing and other businesses essential, social distancing and CDC guidelines must be followed at those locations.

Employees reporting to work are permitted to travel to and from their place of business. **Businesses are encouraged to give each employee a letter indicating that the employee works in an industry permitted to continue operations.** Essential employees should have the company letter, and company ID accessible while driving to and from work, so they can present it with their license if necessary. We suggest the [DHS Guidance to help with the letter.](#)

PRIVATE SECTOR ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEE REGISTRATION PROJECT

OEM has established a temporary process to help get critical infrastructure sites approved faster and provide essential employees with a temporary essential employee verification document that will expire in August 2020.

Any CCNJ member company that is deemed [critical infrastructure](#) by the Manufacturing and Chemical Sector section in the CISA document, and is not in the system, but would like to be considered for the temporary program, please email Elvin Montero with your contact information.

Below you will find new information [highlighted in blue](#) added since the last update. As well, take some time and explore the many links and information provided below and in previous updates. The state’s main COVID-19 information portal is located at , <https://covid19.nj.gov/>.

[To access previous updates click here.](#)

Have general questions about COVID-19?

The NJ Poison Control Center and 211 have partnered with the State to provide information to the public on COVID-19:

Call: [2-1-1](#)

Call (24/7): [1-800-962-1253](tel:1-800-962-1253)

Text: NJCOVID to 898-211

Visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/> or nj.gov/health for additional information

In support of ongoing COVID-19 efforts, the State Emergency Operations Center has made available an ESF 7 Remote Access Line for private sector inquiries. ESF 7 Remote Access Line: 609-963-6817. For response and resource related requests, OHSP encourages you to work with your local first responder agencies, or your County Office of Emergency Management. [Click here to access the NJOEM County Coordinators directory](#) to find contact information for the local county OEM where your facility is located.

[COVID-19 Information for New Jersey Business](#)




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COVID-19/Novel Coronavirus Information for New Jersey Businesses



Search above for information on COVID-19 and its impact on businesses. Submit a question via the chat function below, and we'll get back to you ASAP.

 36 articles in this collection
Written by Business.NJ.gov Team

Most Recent Guidance Available

How do Executive Orders No. 107 and 108 on closures and social distancing affect my business?

 Written by Business.NJ.gov Team
Updated yesterday

I'm not sure if my business needs to close or not due to the State's COVID-19 directives--what additional information or guidance is there?

 Written by Business.NJ.gov Team
Updated yesterday

If I have a business that urgently needs workers, or if I'm a worker looking for a job, where can I go?

 Written by Business.NJ.gov Team
Updated in the last hour

New Jersey COVID-19 Dashboard

COVID-19 Cases by County

Data is provisional and subject to revision.

4,866 Positives Pending Further Information

4 Deaths Pending Further Information

Bergen County:
4,099 Positive Test Result(s)
120 Deaths

Essex County:
2,617 Positive Test Result(s)
99 Deaths

Hudson County:
2,270 Positive Test Result(s)
44 Deaths

Union County:
2,010 Positive Test Result(s)
34 Deaths

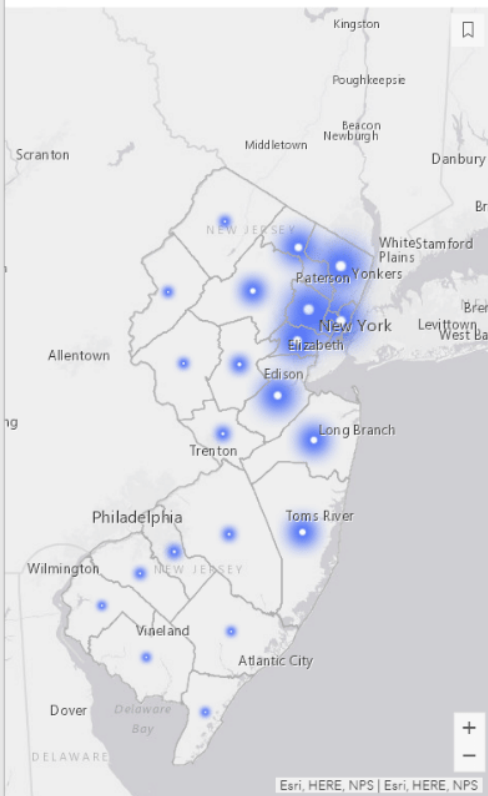
Middlesex County:
1,766 Positive Test Result(s)
48 Deaths

Passaic County:
1,750 Positive Test Result(s)
22 Deaths

Monmouth County:
1,458 Positive Test Result(s)
38 Deaths

Ocean County:
1,371 Positive Test Result(s)
38 Deaths

Cases by County:



Click county to see details.

Positive **25,590** Deaths **537**

33,520

Negative

This figure includes data reported to the state by the state lab plus seven private laboratory entities, representing about 90 percent of private testing capacity in New Jersey.

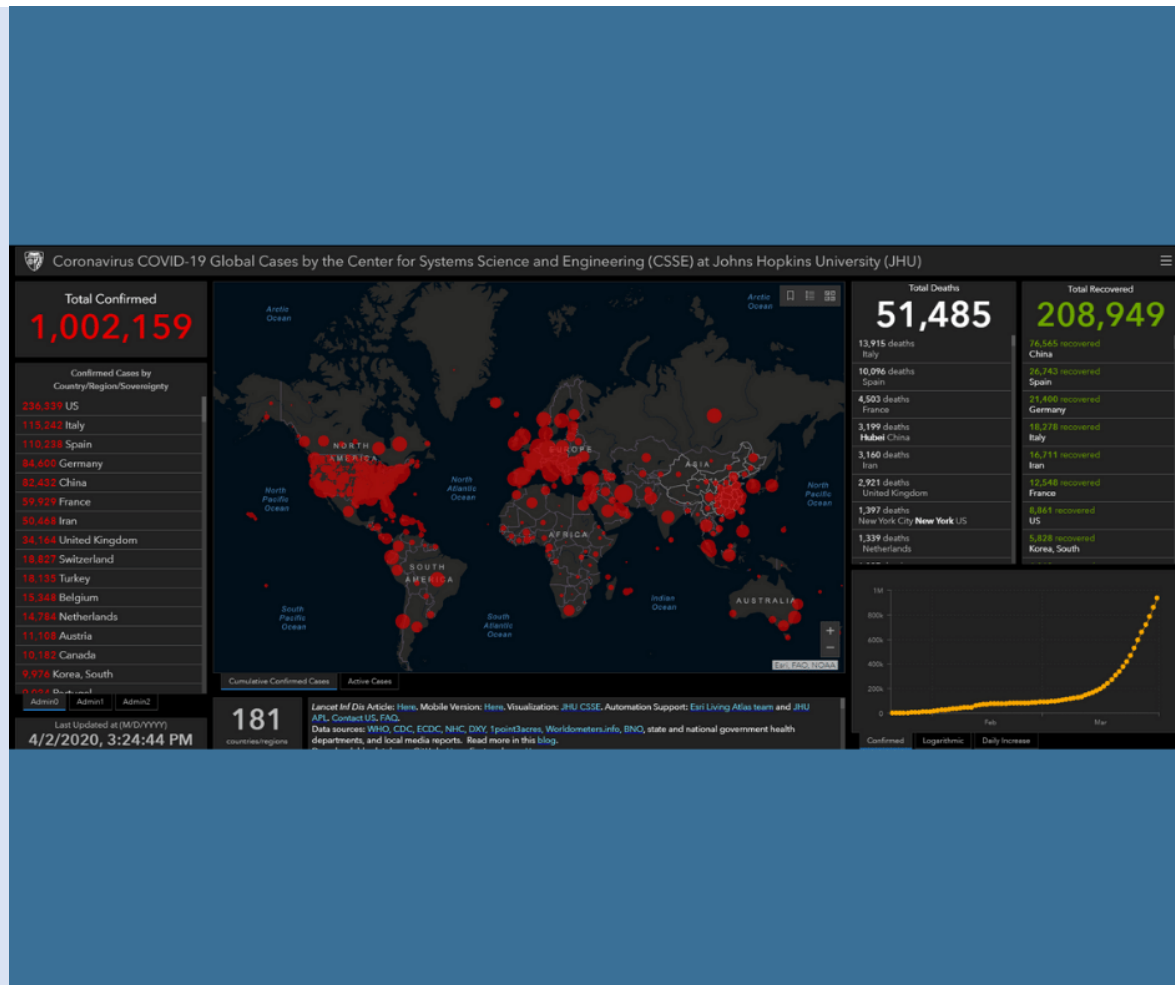
211 Calls
10,256
 Since March 18

Total Calls **16,239** Hotline Calls **566**

NJ Poison Information and Education System

Text Alert Enrollments
123,120

Text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive alerts



New Jersey Governor Updates

[Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Authorizing Commandeering of Property Such as Medical Supplies](#)

Governor Phil Murphy today signed Executive Order No. 113, authorizing the New Jersey State Director of Emergency Management to use the Governor's full authority under the Disaster Control Act to commandeer personal services and/or real or personal property.

[Click here for release](#)

[Murphy Administration Launches Emergency Child Care Assistance Program](#)

Administration officials with the New Jersey Departments of Children and Families (DCF) and Human Services (DHS) yesterday issued guidance for the Emergency Child Care Assistance Program for children of workers designated as 'essential' under Governor Murphy's Executive Order 110.

[Click here for release](#)

[Governor Murphy Announces Blood Donation Drives Are Critical to State's Health Care Needs and Can Continue Operations](#)

Governor Phil Murphy and Superintendent of State Police Colonel Patrick Callahan today announced an Administrative Order that permits blood donation drives to continue in order to meet the critical medical needs of New Jersey residents. In order to operate, blood drives

must undertake appropriate mitigation efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including incorporating social distancing where practicable.

[Click here to release](#)

[TRANSCRIPT: April 1st, 2020 Coronavirus Briefing Media](#)

As we have done of late, I'm going to start with a report on the new cases and sadly the newly-reported COVID-19-related deaths. Over the past 24 hours, we have received an additional 3649 positive test results, pushing our state total to 22,255. Judy will go through those positives in more detail. And during the same time, since yesterday we sadly have lost another 91 of our fellow New Jerseyans to COVID-19-related complications. This means we have now lost a total of 355 members of our great, blessed and diverse New Jersey family, and it gets to easier to report that.

[Click here for transcript](#)

CDC (COVID-19) Situation Summary Updated Regularly

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Situation Summary](#)

CDC is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally, including in the United States. The virus has been named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19").

[Click here for CDC Situation Summary](#)

[Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)

Plan, Prepare and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019

[Click here for CDC Business Guidance](#)

[White House: 15 Days To Slow The Spread](#)

The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America -- 15 Days to Slow the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

[Click here for White House Document](#)

[Get Your Mass Gatherings or Large Community Events Ready Interim Guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

CDC, in accordance with its guidance for [large events and mass gatherings](#), recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.

[Click here for CDC Guidance](#)

HIPPA Privacy, Labor Laws & CDC Reporting Form

[Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Employer Paid Leave Requirements](#)

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA or Act) requires certain employers to provide their employees with paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19.^[1] The Department of Labor's (Department) Wage and Hour Division (WHD) administers and enforces the new law's paid leave requirements. These provisions will apply from the effective date through December 31, 2020.

[Click here for more information](#)

[COVID-19 SCENARIOS & BENEFITS AVAILABLE](#)

NJ Labor & Workforce Development

This UPDATED chart is an easy guide for several COVID-19 scenarios and what benefits are available for each, such as earned sick leave, unemployment insurance, temporary disability/family leave insurance, and workers' compensation.

[Click here for document](#)

[NJDOLE Benefits and the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): What You Should Know](#)

New Jersey has among the most comprehensive [Earned Sick Leave](#), [Temporary Disability](#) and [Family Leave Insurance](#) laws in the country, which cover all employees – full-time, part-time, temporary and seasonal.

[Click here for NJ Labor COVID-19 Site](#)

[Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services BULLETIN: HIPAA Privacy and Novel Coronavirus](#)

In light of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is providing this bulletin to ensure that HIPAA covered entities and their business associates are aware of the ways that patient information may be shared under the HIPAA Privacy Rule in an outbreak of infectious disease or other emergency situation, and to serve as a reminder that the protections of the Privacy Rule are not set aside during an emergency.

[Click here for February 2020 Bulletin](#)

[Human Infection with 2019 Novel Coronavirus Person Under Investigation \(PUI\) and Case Report Form](#)

CDC Personal Under Investigation Form

[Click here for Reporting Form](#)

Government Resources

- [EPA Announces Enforcement Discretion Policy for COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is mindful of the health and safety of the public, as well as our staff, and those of Federal Agencies, State and Local Governments, Tribes, Regulated Entities, Contractors, and Non-governmental Organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency is taking these important considerations into account as we all continue our work to protect human health and the environment. Accordingly, EPA is announcing a temporary policy regarding EPA enforcement of environmental legal obligations during the COVID-19 pandemic.
[Click here for more information](#)
- [NJEDA Announces New Initiatives to Support Businesses Impacted by COVID-19](#)
The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) Board today approved a suite of new programs designed to support businesses and workers facing economic hardship due to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19.
[Click here for more information](#)
- [DEP issues guidance for Public Water Systems and Wastewater Monitoring, Licensed Operator and Certified Laboratory issues due to the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
This advisory affects public drinking water systems and Category A (individual permits for domestic discharge) and ASC (general permit authorizations for school discharge)

NJPDES surface water discharge permitted facilities that are required to perform routine monitoring pursuant to the state and federal regulations and their NJPDES permits where applicable.

[Click here for guidance](#)

- [IDENTIFYING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DURING COVID-19](#)

Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the [COVID-19](#) emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations.

[Click here for CISA Guidance](#)

- [OSHA RULE RELAXATION FOR EXPIRED RESPIRATORS](#)

OSHA has released an FAQ document about OSHA's Rule Relaxation For Fit Testing and Use of Expired Respirators.

[Click here to access the document.](#)

- [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration](#)

FAQ: Expanded Emergency Declaration Under 49 CFR § 390.23 No. 2020-002 (Relating to COVID-19)

[Click here to access FMCSA](#)

- [NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT POLICY REGARDING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS](#)

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) understands that many hazardous materials (hazmat) employers may be experiencing difficulty in either obtaining or providing recurrent training as required by the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR, 49 CFR Parts 171-180) due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak.

[Click here to access PHMSA document](#)

- [New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub](#)

State Official Site for COVID-19 Related Information

[Click here to access HUB](#)

- [Coronavirus Rumor Control](#)

The purpose of this FEMA page is to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis, stay informed with our updated myth vs. facts related to the federal (COVID-19) response.

[Click here for FEMA Rumor Control Site](#)

- [OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#)

To reduce the impact of COVID-19 outbreak conditions on businesses, workers, customers, and the public, it is important for all employers to plan now for COVID-19.

[Click here for OSHA Guidance](#)

- [COVID-19: Information for Schools and Businesses](#)

To prepare for possible community transmission of COVID-19, the most important thing for schools to do now is plan and prepare. As the global outbreak evolves, schools should

prepare for the possibility of community-level outbreaks. Schools want to be ready if COVID-19 does appear in their communities.

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_schoolbusiness.shtml

- [New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19: A Guide for Businesses March 2, 2020](#)
Many employers and businesses in New Jersey are concerned about the current outbreak of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and potential impacts to their business communities and wish to take appropriate steps to mitigate any risks. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working hard to learn as much as possible about this COVID-19 so that we can better understand how it spreads and characterize its associated illness. The New Jersey Department of Health is also working hard to develop guidance and education materials, in the face of evolving information.
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/Guide%20for%20businesses_3-4-2020.pdf
- [Directory of Local Health Departments](#)
Suspected cases should be reported IMMEDIATELY to the local health department (LHD) where the patient resides. If the patient's residence is unknown, report to your own local health department. Local health departments are available 24/7/365.
<https://www.nj.gov/health/lh/documents/LocalHealthDirectory.pdf>
- [Interim Exposure Categories for Asymptomatic Individuals with Possible Exposure to COVID-2019](#)
This interim guidance is effective as of February 3, 2020 and does not apply retrospectively to people who have been in China during the previous 14 days and are already in the United States, or those being managed as part of a contact investigation.
[Click here for guidance document](#)
- [Keeping the workplace safe Encourage your employees to](#)
What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus
[Click here for infographics](#)
- [Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission](#)
When a novel virus with pandemic potential emerges, nonpharmaceutical interventions, which will be called community mitigation strategies in this document, often are the most readily available interventions to help slow transmission of the virus in communities.
[Click here for CDC Mitigation Strategies](#)

Industry & Related Resources

- [ExxonMobil Joins Global Center to Expedite Medical Innovation for Personal Protective Equipment](#)
Business
[ExxonMobil](#) and the [Global Center for Medical Innovation \(GCMI\)](#) said today that they have initiated multi-sector and joint development projects to rapidly redesign and manufacture reusable personal protection equipment for health care workers, such as face shields and masks, which are in short supply as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
[Click here to read more](#)

