

# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

## Update 12: March 26, 2020

Good afternoon,

Governor Phil Murphy today announced that President Donald J. Trump has issued a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of New Jersey. The declaration will provide federal assistance to supplement statewide recovery efforts affected by the COVID-19 pandemic beginning on January 20, 2020.

**Businesses and non-hospital health care facilities in possession of PPE not required for the provision of critical health care services, can submit information about their inventory at [covid19.nj.gov/ppereport](https://www.covid19.nj.gov/ppereport). Under [Executive Order 109](#) Section 7, which was signed on Monday, this information must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 27.**

**State is seeking inventory on the following:**

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**

- Booties
- Coveralls
- Disposable Hoods
- Exam Gloves (non-latex only)
- Face Shields
- Isolation / Surgical Gowns
- Protective Goggles
- Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR)
- PAPR Cartridges

- Respirators (N95)
- Surgical Masks
- Tyvek Suits

**Medical Equipment:**

- Ventilators (Universal, Adult, Pediatric, Infant)
- Ventilator Parts
- Test Kits
- Anesthesia Machines

**The online form requires the following detailed information for each item you have:**



**Quantities**

For each of items you selected, please tell us the brand you have available and the quantity for each size.  
Please write the **number** of individual units in the box provided

**Personal Protective Equipment**

For each of items you selected, please tell us the brand you have available and the quantity for each size.

	Size and Quantity				Notes	Brand
	Please write the <b>number</b> of individual units in the box provided for each size.					
	S	M	L/XL/2XL	One size		
Booties	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Coveralls	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Disposable Hoods	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Exam Gloves (non-latex only)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Face Shields	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>

**Medical Equipment**

For each of items you selected, please tell us the brand you have available and the quantity.

	Quantity	Brand	Additional information
	Number available	Brand of the item	Notes
Ventilators (Universal, Adult, Pediatric, Infant)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ventilator Parts	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Test Kits	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Anesthesia Machines	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Do you want to donate any or all of these items, if so, please proceed to the donation form.

Yes

No

As we mentioned, CCNJ conveyed to the administration that many of our companies require PPE to operate or to provide a service to their clients. They certainly understand that. They are not looking to commandeer or confiscate PPE. They are taking a proactive measure to inventory all PPE in the state, where it is and what companies have it.

The state plans to continue to acquire PPE through their normal supply chain, and through donations, but in the event that the situation worsens and they have an immediate need or their supply chain breaks down, they may turn to the inventory for help. They will use the inventory list created by this order and identify private business sources that could fill the immediate need without disrupting the company's operations. The state would reach out and work out an agreeable solution to fulfill state needs and not jeopardize a company's operations.

For anyone who has PPE they wish **to donate** like N95 respirators, face shields, protective goggles, surgical masks, or other protective equipment, visit [covid19.nj.gov/ppedonations](https://covid19.nj.gov/ppedonations)

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
**New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDDES)**

DEP issued COVID-19 guidance re: NJPDDES Discharge to Surface Water Permits and Wastewater Licensed Operators, with the main focus being on public water systems and domestic wastewater facilities; below is an excerpt:

"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. Additionally, it affects NJ State Certified Laboratories and any system in New Jersey that requires a potable water or wastewater Licensed Operator. All four of these regulatory programs are closely linked in the Drinking Water and Wastewater Sector."

The full DEP Compliance Advisory Enforcement Alert can be found here: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/advisories/2020-05.pdf>

### **NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority has announced a suite of initiatives that may benefit some of our smaller member companies. The initiatives include:

- **Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program** – A \$5 million program that will provide grants up to \$5,000 to small businesses in retail, arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, food service, and other services – such as repair, maintenance, personal, and laundry services – to stabilize their operations and reduce the need for layoffs or furloughs.
- **Small Business Emergency Assistance Loan Program** – A \$10 million program that will provide working capital loans of up to \$100,000 to businesses with less than \$5 million in revenues. Loans made through the program will have ten-year terms with zero percent for the first five years, then resetting to the EDA's prevailing floor rate (capped at 3.00%) for the remaining five years.
- **Community Development Finance Institution (CDFI) Emergency Loan Loss Reserve Fund** – A \$10 million capital reserve fund to take a first loss position on CDFI loans that provide low interest working capital to micro businesses. This will allow CDFIs to withstand loan defaults due to the outbreak, which will allow them to provide more loans at lower interest rates to microbusinesses affected by the outbreak.
- **CDFI Emergency Assistance Grant Program** – A \$1.25 million program that will provide grants of up to \$250,000 to CDFIs to scale operations or reduce interest rates for the duration of the outbreak.
- **NJ Entrepreneur Support Program** – A \$5 million program that will encourage continued capital flows to new companies, often in the innovation economy, and temporarily support a shaky market by providing 80 percent loan guarantees for working capital loans to entrepreneurs.
- **Small Business Emergency Assistance Guarantee Program** – A \$10 million program that will provide 50 percent guarantees on working capital loans and waive fees on loans made through institutions participating in the NJEDA's existing Premier Lender or Premier CDFI programs.
- **Emergency Technical Assistance Program** – A \$150,000 program that will support technical assistance to New Jersey-based companies applying for assistance through the U.S. Small Business Administration. The organizations contracted will be paid based on SBA application submissions supported by the technical assistance they provide.

Additional details on the NJEDA's new programs, including complete eligibility requirements are available here: <https://cv.business.nj.gov>.

### **“STAY AT HOME” EXECUTIVE ORDER 107**

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....”**

While this is not a concern for our industries that have been deemed essential, just be aware that the state has set up a [website](#) where employees can report a possible violation of [Executive Order No. 107](#) using an online form. The form goes into OEM, and they will then verify the information.

Where teleworking or working from home is not an option, there is a strong request to reduce staff on site **TO THE MINIMAL NUMBER TO ENSURE SAFE OPERATIONS.**

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 is developing 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. Companies that get the temporary approval will then be required to take a training course in September to be able to maintain essential status and provide permanent cards to essential employees.

OEM will still require that you identify the number of employees that are essential. **Remember, the state has instructed all businesses, including manufacturing deemed essential, to maintain social distancing and CDC guidelines, and have on site the minimal amount of staff required for safe operations.**

CCNJ will update members once the temporary process is established.

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, as it can be great resource for your company and provide many answers to questions you might have.

[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](#)**

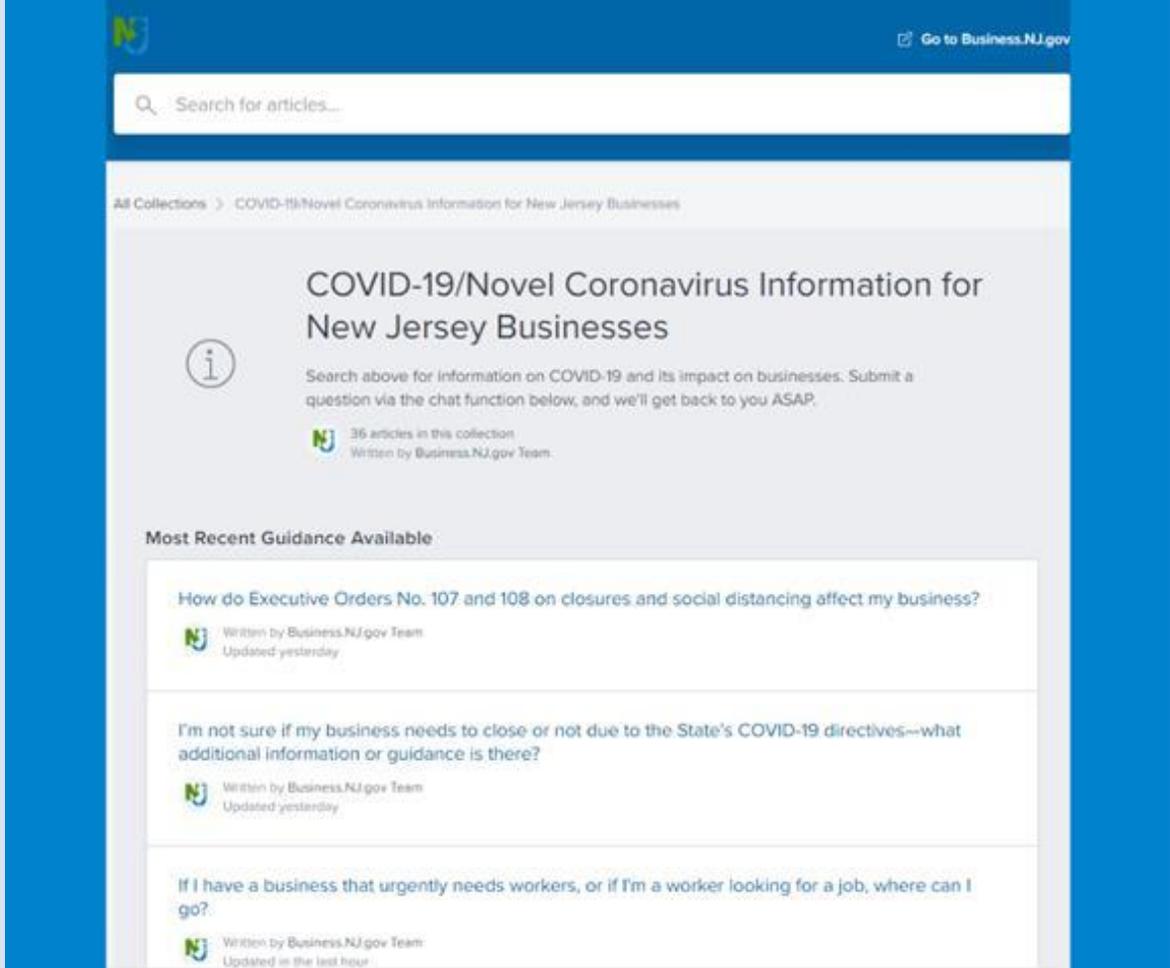
Call (24/7): [1-800-962-1253](tel:1-800-962-1253)

Text: NJCOVID to 898-211

Visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/> or [nj.gov/health](http://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



The screenshot shows a web dashboard with a blue header. On the right side of the header is a link that says "Go to Business.NJ.gov". Below the header is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search for articles...". Underneath the search bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: "All Collections > COVID-19/Novel Coronavirus Information for New Jersey Businesses". The main heading of the page is "COVID-19/Novel Coronavirus Information for New Jersey Businesses". To the left of this heading is an information icon (a lowercase 'i' inside a circle). Below the heading, there is a paragraph: "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." Below this paragraph is a small NJ logo followed by the text "36 articles in this collection" and "Written by Business.NJ.gov Team". Underneath this is a section titled "Most Recent Guidance Available". This section contains three items, each with a question, an NJ logo, and the text "Written by Business.NJ.gov Team" and "Updated yesterday" (or "Updated in the last hour"). The questions are: "How do Executive Orders No. 107 and 108 on closures and social distancing affect my business?", "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?", and "If I have a business that urgently needs workers, or if I'm a worker looking for a job, where can I go?".

### New Jersey COVID-19 Dashboard

### COVID-19 Cases by County

Data is provisional and subsequent to revision.  
1478 Positives Pending Further Information

**Bergen County:**  
1206 Positive Test Result(s)

**Essex County:**  
609 Positive Test Result(s)

**Middlesex County:**  
505 Positive Test Result(s)

**Monmouth County:**  
501 Positive Test Result(s)

**Hudson County:**  
441 Positive Test Result(s)

**Union County:**  
432 Positive Test Result(s)

**Passaic County:**  
399 Positive Test Result(s)

**Ocean County:**  
389 Positive Test Result(s)

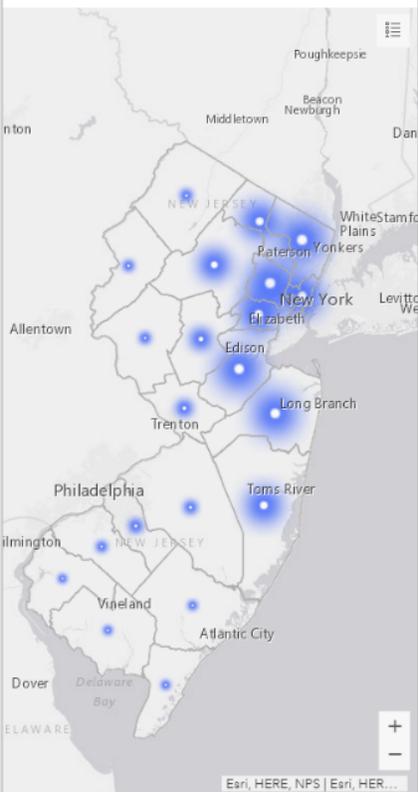
**Morris County:**  
315 Positive Test Result(s)

**Somerset County:**  
179 Positive Test Result(s)

**Mercer County:**  
111 Positive Test Result(s)

**Camden County:**

Cases by County:



Click county to see details.

New Jersey Positives      New Jersey Deaths

**6,876**      **81**

### Negative Test Results

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This figure includes data reported to the state by the state lab plus seven private laboratory entities, representing about 90 percent of

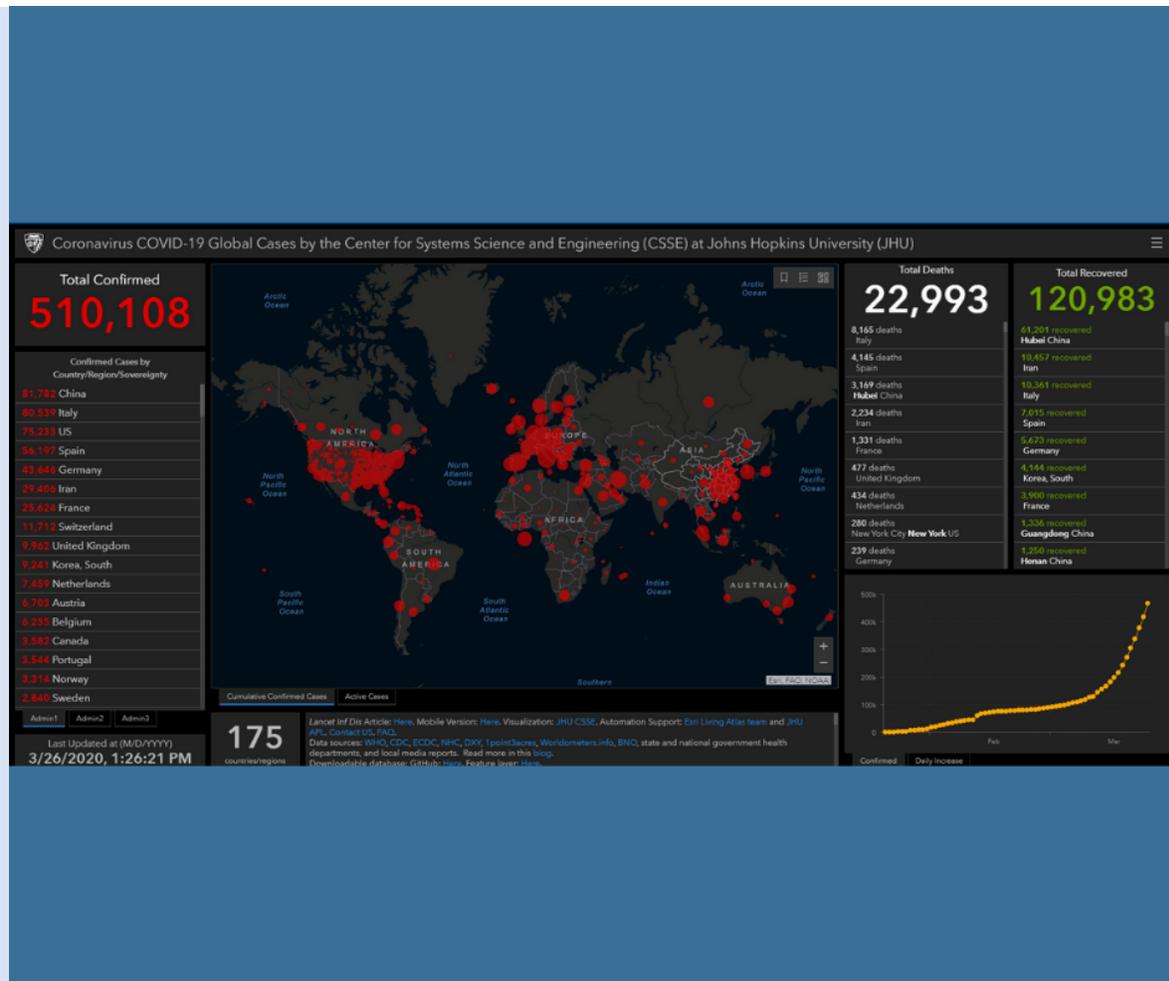
### Hotline

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### Calls/Day to COVID-19

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## New Jersey Governor Updates

### [Governor Murphy Announces That New Jersey Has Received Major Disaster Declaration](#)

“With our major disaster declaration approved, New Jersey will now have access to greater essential federal support to help our residents through this emergency,” said Governor Murphy. “This declaration will allow us to lift remaining bureaucratic barriers to assistance and enhance our statewide response to COVID-19. I am grateful to the Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for their collaboration and coordination in supporting our response and recovery efforts to COVID-19 in New Jersey.”

[Click here for release](#)

### [TRANSCRIPT: March 25th, 2020 Coronavirus Briefing Media](#)

First and probably most importantly, since our briefing yesterday we have learned of an additional 736 positive test results. That brings the statewide total to 4402. We have also learned of 18 more COVID-19 related deaths in our state, and that number does not get any easier to report I promise you. To date, that means that 62 of our fellow residents in the great state of New Jersey have lost their lives as a result of COVID-19 related complications since this emergency was declared. God bless their souls. May they rest in peace. To them, their memories and their families, our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to them.

[Click here for release](#)

[Governor Murphy Signs Legislation to Modify Family Leave and Disability Benefits In Response to COVID-19](#)

Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed S2304 into law to expand the State's Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) and Family Leave Insurance (FLI) programs to provide more workers with access to paid leave benefits during public health emergencies.

[Click here for release](#)

[AG Grewal Renews Warning That Those Who Violate Emergency Orders Related to COVID-19 Pandemic Will Face Criminal Charges](#)

Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal today reiterated his message that law enforcement agencies across New Jersey are strictly enforcing the Governor's Executive Orders during the COVID-19 pandemic, and those who refuse to comply will face criminal charges.

[Click here for release](#)

[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 release](#)

**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**

[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](#)

#### [NJEDOL 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.

<https://www.nj.gov/labor/worker-protections/earnedsick/covid.shtml>

### **Government Resources**

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- [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](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](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 and Related Resources**

- [Church & Dwight Co., Inc. Announces Update Amid COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

Church & Dwight Co., Inc. (NYSE:CHD) today announced measures it has taken to promote the safety of its employees, maintain its product supply to consumers and ensure the continuity of the business in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[https://www.argus-press.com/news/national/article\\_fef8b2ca-f8e0-5c71-b536-e5354e01e68a.html](https://www.argus-press.com/news/national/article_fef8b2ca-f8e0-5c71-b536-e5354e01e68a.html)

- [THE BUSINESS OF CHEMISTRY: ESSENTIAL TO NEW JERSEY'S ECONOMY AND RECOVERY](#)

TRENTON - (March 26, 2020) – The Chemistry Council of New Jersey and its more than 100 member companies are grateful to the Murphy Administration, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for identifying the U.S. chemical industry and its workers as Essential Critical Infrastructure, an industry sector critical to public health and safety, economic and national security. Even before this designation, our member companies have been working around the clock to help the State of New Jersey in its COVID-19 preparedness response and mitigation efforts.

<https://www.chemistrycouncilnj.org/News-Resources/Press-Releases/2020/THE-BUSINESS-OF-CHEMISTRY-ESSENTIAL-TO-NEW-JERSEY%E2%80%99.aspx>

- [More Than 100 Industry Groups Urge President, And Elected Officials At All Levels To Uniformly Apply Department of Homeland Security Critical Infrastructure Definition](#)

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) today joined more than 100 other business and trade associations representing a wide swath of the business community in pressing the White House, Governors, Mayors, and other elected officials to come together with uniform practices and policies by adopting the definition of "critical infrastructure" as defined by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

[Click here to read more](#)

- ACC [Coronavirus Resource Center](https://www.americanchemistry.com/COVID-19/)

ACC is working on behalf of the U.S. chemical industry and its more than 500,000 employees to ensure that together we all embrace public health guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and multiple governmental authorities to help minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This guidance for individuals is in the best interest of public health. It remains essential however, that key industries and sectors, including the chemical manufacturing sector, are able to maintain operations throughout this challenging time, continuing to provide the countless products needed for life-saving medical care, disinfectants, pharmaceuticals, biocides, personal protective gear, and the chlorine chemistry to protect our nation's drinking water.

<https://www.americanchemistry.com/COVID-19/>