

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

Update 10: March 24, 2020

Good afternoon,

We mentioned in yesterday's update that the state has a critical need for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Governor Murphy stated that if anyone in NJ has any of these supplies and would like to donate them, to please email ppedonations@njsp.org.

However, in yesterday's [Executive Order 109, Section 7](#), there was a further request that **“any business or non-hospital health care facility...in possession of PPE, ventilators, respirators, or anesthesia machines that are not required for the provision of critical health care services should undertake an inventory of such supplies and send that information to the state by no later than 5:00 p.m. on 6 Friday, March 27, 2020.”**

CCNJ has conveyed to the administration that many of our companies require PPE to operate or to provide a service to their clients. We are seeking more clarity on this. While it is our understanding that the Office of the Governor is aware that many of our operations require PPE, there is no indication currently that they plan to take or confiscate such supplies and impact members' ability to operate. They are seeking a full inventory should the situation worsen.

We recommend that member companies with PPE or any of the other items listed in Section 107 take inventory of them. In preparing your communications, identify your manufacturing operations and why PPE is needed, share how much PPE you have on hand, and how much PPE you will need to maintain safe operations.

While the mechanism to share this information has not been publicized, once it is, we will share it with our members.

NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Due to the COVID-19 national emergency, Assistant Director Ken Ratzman (DEP Air Quality) confirmed that NJDEP is extending the due date for the 2019 Annual Air Emission Statement to June 15, 2020 and stated that a formal extension request per regulations is not required. **DEP also confirmed that many of DEP's listservs will now be blasted from NJDEP@public.govdelivery.com email address and it is strongly recommended that you add it to your address books so these important communications do not get sent to spam and missed.**

NJ DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

If your company has a state contract, or is a state supplier, it is very likely that you will be contacted by the NJ Treasury Department to provide your business continuity plans. Treasury is doing standard checks to identify any issues with their suppliers.

“STAY AT HOME” EXECUTIVE ORDER 107

The “Stay at Home” **Executive Order No. 107** remains in full effect. **Work at manufacturing sites may continue, as can research, trucking, and transportation operations.**

Today, Governor Murphy stressed that **“NO ONE WHO CAN BE DOING THEIR JOB AT HOME SHOULD BE GOING TO WORK IN AN OFFICE.”**

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.** To the extent a business or non-profit has employees that cannot perform their functions via telework or work-from-home arrangements, **the business or non-profit should make best efforts to reduce staff on site to the minimal number necessary to ensure that essential operations can safely continue.**

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 been inundated with requests from companies to join this program. To help expediate inclusion of our members, CCNJ is assisting OEM by collecting the contact information from our members and submitting it directly to OEM administrator. However, we ask that our members continue to be patient as this process takes time. For more details reach out to Elvin Montero. Just a reminder this is a program for Critical Infrastructure facilities. OEM will reach out to you directly.

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](tel: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

The screenshot shows the Business.NJ.gov website interface. At the top right, there is a "Go to Business.NJ.gov" link. Below it is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search for articles...". The main content area is titled "COVID-19/Novel Coronavirus Information for New Jersey Businesses" and includes an information icon (i) and a search prompt: "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, it states "36 articles in this collection" and "Written by Business.NJ.gov Team". A section titled "Most Recent Guidance Available" lists three articles:

- 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

NJ COVID-19 Dashboard Updated as of 3/24/2020 2PM

COVID-19 Cases by County

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

Bergen County:
701 Positive Test Result(s)

Essex County:
342 Positive Test Result(s)

Monmouth County:
288 Positive Test Result(s)

Middlesex County:
277 Positive Test Result(s)

Union County:
246 Positive Test Result(s)

Hudson County:
234 Positive Test Result(s)

Passaic County:
216 Positive Test Result(s)

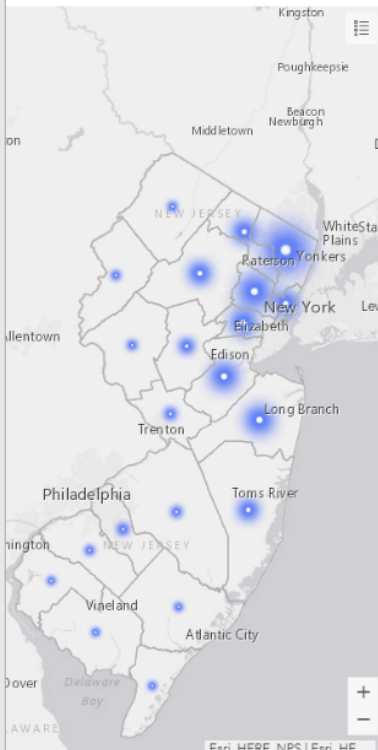
Morris County:
204 Positive Test Result(s)

Ocean County:
180 Positive Test Result(s)

Somerset County:
102 Positive Test Result(s)

Mercer County:
58 Positive Test Result(s)

Cases by County:



Click county to see details.

New Jersey Positives

3,675

New Jersey Deaths

44

Hotline

Calls in Past 24 Hours

534

211 Calls

3,587

Since March 18

Total Calls To Date

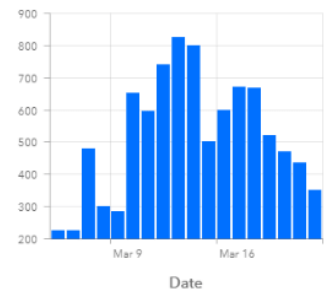
11,358

Text Alert Enrollments

91,137

Total COVID-19 2020 211 for 2020 2020

Calls/Day to COVID-19 Hotline



Global COVID-19 Dashboard with Total Recovery



New Jersey Governor Updates

[TRANSCRIPT: March 23rd, 2020 Coronavirus Briefing Media](#)

I just got off a one-on-one call with President Trump, thanked him for help and pleaded on three different fronts: number one, to reiterate the need for personal protective equipment. And I said to the President on the phone with just the two of us, as I've said in our video gatherings, "We understand that the Lord helps those that help themselves." And so, we're doing everything we can in New Jersey led by the likes of Judy and her team and Pat and others who are turning over literally every stone. I mentioned the email address, I'll repeat it – ppedonations@njsp.org. NJSP as in New Jersey State Police. But we still need a slug of support from the federal government. We got a fraction of our ask; we need a lot more. And we're hearing this all over the state.

[Click here to read more](#)

[Treasury Freezes Nearly a Billion Dollars in Spending as Fiscal Uncertainty Over COVID-19 Mounts](#)

State Treasurer Elizabeth Maher Muoio issued a new voluntary disclosure statement to bond holders today, as required by law, providing the most detail, to date, on the potential impact COVID-19 may have on New Jersey's finances, including revenue collections and pension fund contributions.

[Click here to read more](#)

CISA RELEASES GUIDANCE ON ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS DURING COVID-19

IDENTIFYING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DURING COVID-19



There are 16 critical infrastructure sectors whose assets, systems, and networks, whether physical or virtual, are considered so vital to the United States that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination thereof. Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21); PPD-21 identifies 16 critical infrastructure sectors.

Please direct additional questions to CISA.CAT@cisa.dhs.gov.

[Download a PDF version of this Guidance](#)

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](#)

HIPAA 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](#)

[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.

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

Government Resources

- [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 and Related Resources

- [3M CEO on COVID-19 response: We have a unique and critical responsibility](#)
Like everyone, I see the pleas from our heroic doctors, nurses and first responders for the respirators and other equipment they desperately need. I want people to know we are doing all we can to meet the demands of this extraordinary time and get supplies from our plants to where they're most needed as quickly as possible. As I write this, more than 500,000 respirators are on the way from our South Dakota plant to two of the more critically impacted areas, New York and Seattle, with arrivals expected starting tomorrow. We are also ready to expedite additional shipments across the country.

<https://news.3m.com/blog/3m-stories/ceo-update-3ms-response-covid-19>

- ACC [Coronavirus Resource Center](#)

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/>