

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

Update 9: March 23, 2020

Good afternoon,

“It is not a time for business as usual,” Governor Murphy stated at this afternoon’s press conference. Governor Phil Murphy today signed [Executive Order No. 109](#), directing the suspension of all elective surgeries and invasive procedures performed on adults that are scheduled to take place after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27.

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.**

[Click HERE for Executive Order No. 107](#)

[Click HERE for Executive Order No. 108](#)

The governor mentioned that the state has a critical need for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). He stated that If anyone in NJ has any of these supplies and would like to donate them, to please email ppedonations@njsp.org

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](#).

CCNJ continues to share its concerns with DEP about ongoing inspections and site visits during this crisis. We are exploring all avenues to seek a solution. It is our understanding that the US Department of Homeland Security & Preparedness have stopped CFATS visits.

Private Sector Essential Employee Registration Project. CCNJ member companies seeking entry into this program should reach out to Elvin Montero. Just a reminder this is a program for Critical Infrastructure facilities. **Please, do not forward CCNJ’s email to**

your service providers, as CCNJ will not be able to get them access to the program at this time. It is likely that OEM will reach out to you via phone first, and even over the weekend. **We ask for everyone's patience with this if you have submitted your request and haven't heard from OEM.**

The State of NJ has created an online [COVID-19 Symptom Checker](#).. The self-assessment tool to determine what actions you can take to protect you and your loved ones' health and help determine whether you should be tested for COVID-19. The tool can be accessed at <https://self.covid19.nj.gov/>.

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](#)

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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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.


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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

COVID-19 Cases by County

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

Bergen County:
609 Positive Test Result(s)

Essex County:
273 Positive Test Result(s)

Monmouth County:
238 Positive Test Result(s)

Middlesex County:
210 Positive Test Result(s)

Hudson County:
190 Positive Test Result(s)

Union County:
189 Positive Test Result(s)

Morris County:
177 Positive Test Result(s)

Ocean County:
144 Positive Test Result(s)

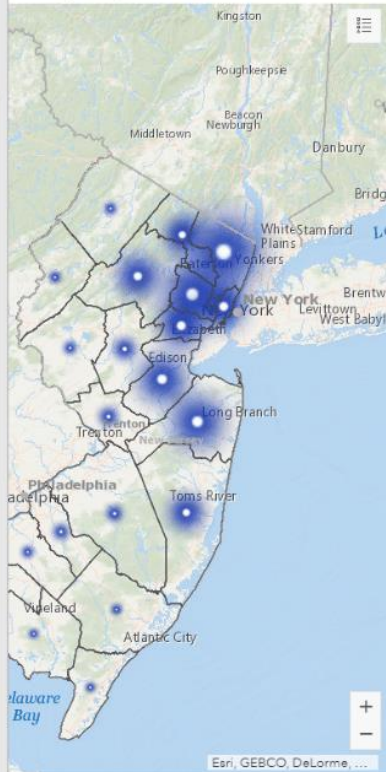
Passaic County:
141 Positive Test Result(s)

Somerset County:
67 Positive Test Result(s)

Mercer County:
50 Positive Test Result(s)

Burlington County:

Cases by County:



Click county to see details.

New Jersey Positives

2,844

New Jersey Deaths

27

Hotline

Calls in Past 24 Hours

424

Total Calls To Date

10,824

211 Calls

3,587

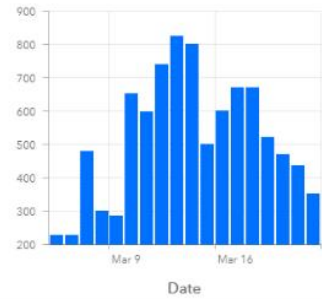
Text Alert Enrollments

80,022

Since March 18

The NJ COVID-19 211 for NJ residents

Calls/Day to COVID-19 Hotline



Critical for both our health and personal hygiene, consistent access to safe water is especially vital to New Jersey's response to the unprecedented public health emergency created by the spread by COVID-19.

[Click here for release](#)

[TRANSCRIPT: March 22nd, 2020 Coronavirus Briefing Media](#)

The four big themes to me continue to be PPE, and Judy will talk more about that but that is a constant topic of concern and question, and we are doing everything we can. Col. Callahan along with Judy and their teams, including by the way big shoutouts to the private sector who are stepping up. I mentioned some players already earlier in the week; I want to add Prudential to that list who have really stood tall among others who are just coming out of this moment of crisis as extraordinary citizens.

[Click here for transcript](#)

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/>