

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

Update 1: March 13, 2020

The Chemistry Council of New Jersey will begin sending regular emails to our entire membership to keep you abreast of any developments that may impact your company's operations in New Jersey, and to share information from government agencies and industry to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We will use this space to share the most pertinent information.

Below you will find updates about New Jersey cases, and links to important resources for the business community.

As well, CCNJ is developing a short survey to assess actions taken and policies member companies are employing to mitigate the spread of and in response to COVID-19. We also want to anticipate any needs the industry may have in the future, such as regulatory waivers, should the situation worsen and further impact operations.

As always, you can reach out to our office should you have any immediate concerns or questions.

Learn what precautions you can take about the **Coronavirus**
Call the **NJ Coronavirus & Poison Center Hotline** at
1-800-222-1222 or **1-800-962-1253** if using out-of-state phone line
Trained healthcare professionals are standing by to answer your
call **24/7** OR visit nj.gov/health

New Jersey COVID-19 Dashboard

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NJ COVID-19 Dashboard Updated 3/12/2020 2PM

COVID-19 Cases by County

Bergen County:
13 Presumptive Positive(s)

Burlington County:
2 Presumptive Positive(s)

Camden County:
1 Presumptive Positive(s)

Essex County:
1 Presumptive Positive(s)

Hudson County:
1 Presumptive Positive(s)

Middlesex County:
2 Presumptive Positive(s)

Monmouth County:
5 Presumptive Positive(s)

Morris County:
1 Presumptive Positive(s)

Passaic County:
1 Presumptive Positive(s)

Somerset County:
1 Presumptive Positive(s)

Union County:
1 Presumptive Positive(s)

Cases by County:



Testing Results

NJ Presumptive
Positives

29

Hotline Calls

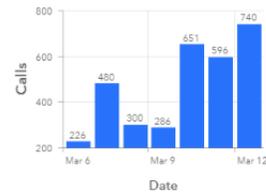
Calls in Past 24 Hours

740

Total Calls To Date

4,579

Calls/Day to COVID-19 Hotline



New Jersey Governor Updates

[Governor Murphy Recommends Cancellation of All Public Gatherings of More than 250 Individuals](#)

"Today, based on guidance we have received from the Commissioner of Health, we are recommending the cancellation of all public gatherings throughout New Jersey of more than 250 individuals, including concerts, sporting events, and parades. These measures are being taken as part of our coordinated response to the continued outbreak and to aggressively mitigate the spread of the virus. Additionally, for all events, we recommend that everyone practice commonsense hygiene, like washing hands routinely, staying home if you do not feel well, and keeping a six-foot distance from others.

[Click here for press release](#)

[TRANSCRIPT: March 12th, 2020 Coronavirus Briefing Media](#)

Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver: Tomorrow, Governor Murphy will be here to lead the daily briefing. Throughout the past week, he has been fully engaged in our response to this public health emergency. In fact, he was with us on the phone during our briefing that we just had as staff, and I know we are all looking forward to having him leading our team in person tomorrow.

[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](#)

Coronavirus Closures

[Coronavirus closures: Latest N.J. school district closings, map of outbreak \(Thursday, March 12\)](#)

As the effects of the [coronavirus pandemic](#) increasingly take hold, a rising number of New Jersey school districts are announcing early dismissals or closures for planning and cleaning purposes. Others are shutting down due to students and personnel being exposed to COVID-19.

[Click here to Access Updated Information](#)

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>

New Jersey & Other Government Resources

- [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

- [COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR THE SPECIALTY CHEMICAL INDUSTRY](#)
Over the past couple of weeks, SOCMA has proactively monitored reports about COVID-19 and has worked with SOCMA members to understand and deliver guidance on the industry's response and action plans.
[Click here for SOCMA COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)—Fighting Products The American Chemistry](#)
Council's (ACC) Center for Biocide Chemistries (CBC) has compiled a list of products that have been pre-approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use against emerging enveloped viral pathogens and can be used during the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This product list is not exhaustive but can be used by business owners, health professionals, and the public to identify products suitable for use during the COVID-19.

[Click here for COVID-19 Fighting Products](#)

- [NACD Coronavirus Resource Center](#)
NACD is providing the following information to inform chemical distributors about the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19) and offer resources for emergency preparedness and response.
[Click here for NACD COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [API Pandemic Planning Guide](#)
The oil and natural gas industry directly employs almost 2.6 million Americans, and supports 9.8 million jobs in America or 5.6% of total U.S. employment. Therefore, it is critical that oil and natural gas companies are aware of and plan for the potential threats that could directly or indirectly impact their employees and operations.
[Click here for API Pandemic Planning Guide](#)
- [World Health Organization: Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)
On this website you can find information and guidance from WHO regarding the current outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) that was first reported from Wuhan, China, on 31 December 2019. Please visit this page for daily updates.
[Click here for WHO COVID-19 Website](#)
- [OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for an Influenza Pandemic](#)
This guidance is advisory in nature and informational in content. It is not a standard or a regulation, and it neither creates new legal obligations nor alters existing obligations created by OSHA standards or the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act).
[Click here for OSHA Guidance](#)