

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

Update 7: March 20, 2020

Good afternoon,

While Governor Murphy enacted no new measures today at his daily press briefing, he alluded that tomorrow he's "tightening the screws" on social distancing in the state and taking more aggressive measures. It is not clear what the governor has in mind, but likely to follow some of the actions enacted by [New York](#) and [Pennsylvania](#).

The governor of Pennsylvania even went a step further and provided of list of what the state considers "[life-sustaining businesses](#)."

Governor Murphy is stressing more than ever for all New Jerseyans to stay home, especially if their work allows them to work from home and are not directly involved with COVID-19 response.

Yesterday, we urged our membership to allow for teleworking wherever possible, because we expected more strict mandates coming down the road. Our poll results show that at least 80% of our membership is working from home. For those critical and essential workers who can't work from home, the state is still recognizing their roles to be essential. [E.O. 104](#) states that the occupancy limit does not apply to normal operations at office environments, factories, assemblages for the purpose of industrial or manufacturing work. And OEM confirms that currently there are no restrictions on manufacturing facilities and critical infrastructure operations.

Yesterday we provided the **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) [guidance](#) to help state and local jurisdictions and the private sector identify and manage their essential workforce while responding to COVID-19. New Jersey is expected to refer to this guidance as they take more drastic measures.**

We will provide an update tomorrow once we know the conditions imposed by the expected changes to [E.O. 104](#). [We do not want to speculate on what it may contain.](#)

CCNJ has been in constant contact with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection regarding permits, monitoring, inspections and remediation approvals:

- We are asking the state and DEP for a blanket extension of permit and remediation deadlines similar to the Permit Extension Act.
- We have submitted to DEP a list of specific items we would like extended.
- We have referred the orders issued by Maryland and Louisiana which have also implemented extension orders.
- We have notified DEP that our facilities are very concerned about letting DEP inspectors on their properties without knowledge of what the department is doing to

assure that the inspectors have not been infected and/or have not come into contact with a suspected infected person.

We have also learned that OSHA is developing a comprehensive list of compliance/enforcement relief, and we can expect to see it early next week.

As expected, there is a backlog getting new companies registered into the **Private Sector Essential Employee Registration Project**. Just a reminder this is a program for Critical Infrastructure facilities. **Please, do not forward my email to your service providers, as I will not be able to get them access to the program at this time.** OEM did reach out this afternoon and confirmed they are still working on the four lists CCNJ has provided. **We ask for everyone's patience with this if you have submitted your request and haven't heard from OEM.**

We suggest that you continue to remind your employees to have their work ID accessible while driving to and from work, so they can present it with their license if necessary.

As always, if there are any issues or concerns, we are not addressing in these updates, please do not hesitate to contact CCNJ staff about them. We have been working diligently with state and local officials, including members of both the New Jersey Legislature and U.S. Congress and the Governor's Office to identify ways that they can be helpful to the business of chemistry during this time.

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.](#)

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

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 UPDATE

NEW COVID-19 RESOURCES PORTAL FOR ALL BUSINESSES:

cv.business.nj.gov



New Jersey COVID-19 Dashboard

NJ COVID-19 Dashboard Updated as of 3/20/2020 2PM

COVID-19 Cases by County

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

Bergen County:
249 Positive Test Result(s)

Middlesex County:
76 Positive Test Result(s)

Essex County:
73 Positive Test Result(s)

Hudson County:
66 Positive Test Result(s)

Monmouth County:
53 Positive Test Result(s)

Ocean County:
49 Positive Test Result(s)

Passaic County:
49 Positive Test Result(s)

Union County:
43 Positive Test Result(s)

Morris County:
35 Positive Test Result(s)

Somerset County:
28 Positive Test Result(s)

Mercer County:
22 Positive Test Result(s)

Burlington County:

Cases by County:



Click county to see details.

New Jersey Positives

890

New Jersey Deaths

11

Hotline Calls

Calls in Past 24 Hours

520

211 Calls

426

Since March 18

Total Calls To Date

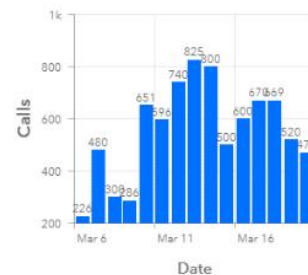
9,613

Text Alert Enrollments

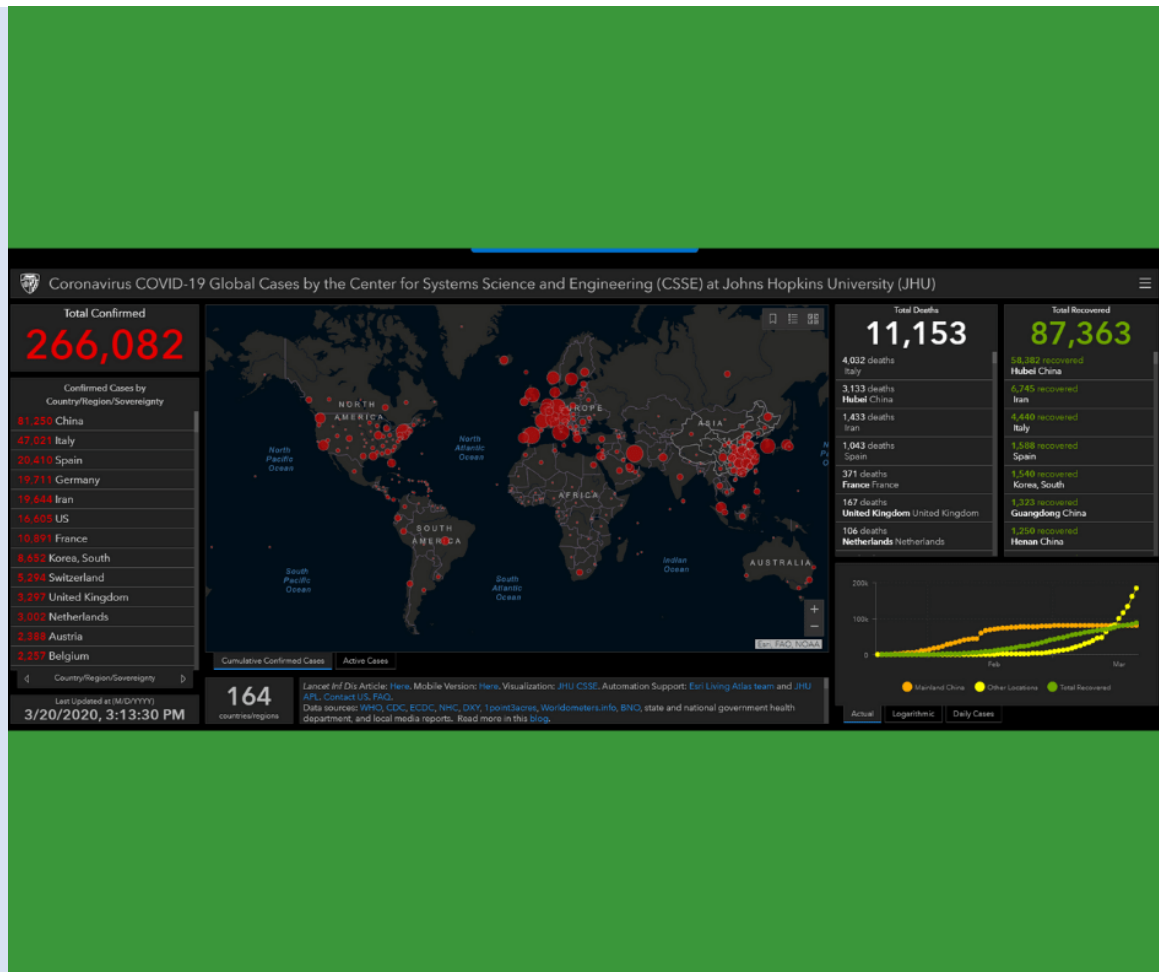
8,489

Since March 18

Calls/Day to COVID-19 Hotline



Global COVID-19 Dashboard with Total Recovery



New Jersey Governor Updates

[Governor Murphy Signs Legislation to Expand Telehealth Access and Expedite Licensure of Out-of-State Professionals](#)

Governor Phil Murphy today signed legislation (A3680 and A3682) to expand access to telehealth services and to allow professional and occupational licensing board to expedite licensure of out-of-state professionals.

[Click here for release](#)

[TRANSCRIPT: March 19th, 2020 Coronavirus Briefing Media](#)

So first, since yesterday, we have received 318 new positive test results, six of those through the DOH labs and the other 312 through our private sector and healthcare provider networks. Our statewide total is 742. If you added yesterday's to 318, you might get a different number and that's just going to be the case, folks. We're going to have duplicates, we're going to have folks who may have been out-of-staters who got tested in New Jersey for whatever reason. The official number is now 742. Those numbers will be released as soon as they're available. As I said to you yesterday, because of the VTC that we have with the White House, we're doing this press gathering earlier in the day, which means it's a little bit more of a scramble for Judy and her team to get the right numbers, although we've got them, she'll go through those numbers by counties.

[Click here for transcripts](#)

[Governor Murphy Announces New Partnerships with Private Sector to Increase COVID-19 Testing Capacity](#)

Testing for COVID-19 is now being performed in the state by both LabCorp and BioReference Laboratories, enhancing access to testing for state residents. In addition, the state's Public Health and Environmental Laboratories will soon be able to process over 1,000 tests a day and is developing specimen collection kits in order to relieve shortages of critical kit components.

[Click here to read more](#)

[Regional Coalition Requests a Direct Cash Assistance Program of At Least \\$100 Billion in Response to Financial Impact of COVID-19](#)

As part of a coordinated regional effort to combat COVID-19, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont, and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf today urged the federal government to consider a fiscal stimulus in the form of a direct cash assistance program to provide an immediate financial infusion to all four states to help cover costs related to COVID-19 response operations. The four governors – whose states collectively represent 16 percent of the United States economy – made the request in a letter issued to President Trump, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy.

[Click here to read more](#)

[Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation](#)

Allows conduct of State business and legislative sessions at locations other than Trenton during periods of emergency or other exigency; allows conduct of legislative business using electronic means.

[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

[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](#)

[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](#)

[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](#)

CCNJ 36th Annual Spring Conference

Based on the CDC guidance and uniform standards announced by Governor Murphy, we can no longer hold our conference on April 27-28, 2020. We are still working out details with The Ocean Hotel and Seaview Golf Club. At this time, we cannot confirm if we are postponing or canceling the 2020 conference. We will send out information once we reach an understanding with the hotel and golf club. At that time, we will communicate options to those who have already committed to sponsoring and exhibiting at the 36th Annual Conference.

CCNJ COVID-19 IMPACT POLL

To better serve our members during this time we have put together a [COVID-19 Impact Poll](#). The information being gathered will help us better inform the government, particularly the NJ Office of Emergency Management, about the essential products you make and allow us to better assess the potential impact of COVID-19 on your operations and anticipate any needs. Please, take 5-8 minutes to [complete the survey](#). **Hopefully you can [complete the survey](#) by Wednesday, March 18.** We will share the results with the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting, and the full membership by Friday.

[Click here to complete survey](#)

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](#)

[NJ DOL 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

- [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

- 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/>