

# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

**Update 2: March 15, 2020**

Good evening,

Earlier today Governor Murphy indicated that the [state is considering a statewide curfew](#) in response to COVID-19. CCNJ had been anticipating this potential action, and last week we reached out to the NJ Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to confirm that its Private Sector Essential Employee Registration Project is still operational. Back when this project was introduced, we encouraged member companies to enroll and participate. We have contacted OEM to inquire how we can help other critical infrastructure facilities take advantage of this project and sign up their employees.

This project leverages the capabilities of the New Jersey Resource Directory Data Base (RDDDB) to create a web-based registration and identification **system for employees who are considered essential and who by nature of their employment responsibilities require travel authorization during a declared Governor's State of Emergency.**

Yesterday, we received confirmation that OEM is putting together another "guidelines" statement about the project as it pertains to the current situation. Given the strategic function performed by many member company facilities, and the criteria that was set up for the credentialing system, we expect that essential employees will be allowed to travel.

Once we receive the updated guidelines we will distribute to members and provide information on how to sign up for the project.

While we await further instructions from OEM on how critical infrastructure can sign up for the project, I am providing some guidelines that could help you start gathering information you will need once your company is approved to enter into the RDDDB.

Participation in this program requires those individuals within your organization who are essential for maintaining operations be identified and registered in the RDDDB. Registered Essential Employees will be issued an Essential Employee Verification Card to keep in their possession for display to law enforcement upon request in the event of a travel ban. This credentialing service which is authorized by the NJ OEM and recognized by the law enforcement community comes at no cost to employers. **Each organization should consider establishing written policy regarding the appropriate use of the Essential Employee Verification Cards by employees as these cards are the property of the NJ OEM.**

**PRIVATE COMPANIES that utilize the RDDDB to register their essential employees will be responsible for the following functions:**

- Identify an Entity Administrator for their company who will be the primary person responsible for managing the access and use of the RDDDB functions. This person will receive training as needed from NJOEM on RDDDB usage and responsibilities.

- Identify and assign additional Resource Administrators for their company within the RDDB who will be responsible for the entry of the specific essential employees from the company.
- Registration of each Entity and Resource Administrator as a user for the My New Jersey portal. This is on an individual by individual basis. Username and passwords may be chosen by the registrant who must also include address, phone number, e-mail address and a security question in case of a lost password.
- Registration of each essential employee from their company in the RDDB. Entry of all required data/information for the essential employee, ensuring that the essential employee name entered in RDDB matches exactly with the name as written on their Verification Card. Required Data includes:
  - Full Name
  - Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)
  - Driver's License Number (where applicable)
  - Company ID number [This is provided once registered]
  - Contact Phone Number
  - E-mail address

There are other guidelines provided to companies once approved to participate. But if you think your operations would benefit from this program, I would at least start identifying your essential employees, and collecting the above information for each.

Below you will find new information highlighted in blue added since the last update.

[To access Update 1 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](http://nj.gov/health)

## COVID-19 UPDATE

NEW COVID-19 RESOURCES PORTAL  
FOR ALL BUSINESSES:

[cv.business.nj.gov](http://cv.business.nj.gov)



[New Jersey COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

## COVID-19 Cases by County

Note: After further investigation, the case numbers by county for March 15 have changed slightly. These numbers are subject to change as the Department reconciles data we receive from commercial laboratories.

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

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

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

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

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

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

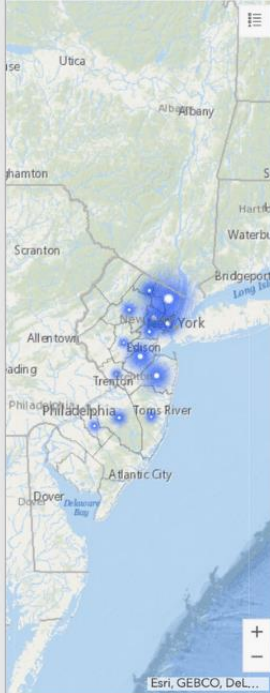
**Burlington County:**  
4 Positive Test Result(s)

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

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

**Camden County:**  
2 Positive Test Result(s)

Cases by County:



## Testing Results

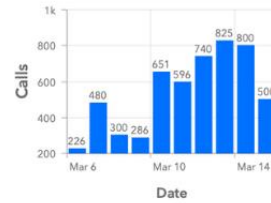
New Jersey  
Positives

# 98

## Hotline Calls

Calls in Past 24 Hours **500** Total Calls To Date **6,684**

## Calls/Day to COVID-19 Hotline





## **New Jersey Governor Updates**

### [TRANSCRIPT: March 14th, 2020 Coronavirus Briefing Media](#)

As promised, we will keep these briefings at 2:00 PM each day either telephonically or in person unless you hear otherwise.

[Click Here for Transcript](#)

### [NJMVC Extends Expiration Dates for Driver Licenses, Registrations, and Inspections In Response to COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

Governor Phil Murphy and New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator Sue Fulton have announced that due to the COVID-19 outbreak and to protect the public, the MVC will extend expiration dates for driver licenses, registrations, and inspection stickers.

[Click Here for MVC Announcement](#)

## **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 closings, map of outbreak \(Friday, March 13\)](#)

Life around New Jersey and the United States gets a little quieter with each announcement brought on by the growing coronavirus pandemic.

[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](#)

### [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**

- [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

- [Roche's cobas SARS-CoV-2 Test to detect novel coronavirus receives FDA Emergency Use Authorization and is available in markets accepting the CE mark](#)  
Roche (SIX: RO, ROG; OTCQX: RHHBY) today announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the cobas® SARS-CoV-2 Test. It is intended for the qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 disease, in nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swab samples from patients who meet COVID-19 clinical and/or epidemiological criteria for testing. Hospitals and reference laboratories can run the test on Roche's fully automated cobas® 6800 and cobas® 8800 Systems, which are widely available in the U.S. and around the world.  
[Click here for Roche Release](#)
- [PFIZER OUTLINES FIVE-POINT PLAN TO BATTLE COVID-19](#)  
Pfizer today issued a five-point plan calling on the biopharmaceutical industry to join the company in committing to unprecedented collaboration to combat COVID-19.  
[Click here for Pfizer Release](#)
- [Focusing on people, product during the coronavirus outbreak](#)  
In Aberdeen, South Dakota, Tim Hofer stood in front of a production line that was turning out thousands of 3M N95 respirators. The plant was running around the clock in response to the coronavirus outbreak – and the resulting global demand for respirators.  
[Click here for 3M Release](#)
- [Public health campaign launched to fightback against COVID-19 'Infodemic'](#)  
A new public health information campaign, launched by Dettol and Lysol, is assessing and evaluating claims related to COVID-19, correct misinformation, challenge misperceptions and debunk common myths.  
[Click here for RB Release](#)



- [Committed to Developing Solutions for COVID-19](#)

PhRMA and senior executives and researchers from four member companies met with key policy makers on Capitol Hill to discuss the industry's response to COVID-19, caused by a novel strain of coronavirus.

<https://www.phrma.org/Coronavirus>

- [Helping those Affected by the Coronavirus](#)

America's biopharmaceutical companies are committed to developing solutions to help diagnose and treat those with COVID-19, caused by a novel strain of coronavirus that originated in Wuhan, China.

[Click here for PHRMA Fact Sheet](#)

- [Biotech Response to COVID-19](#)

As the threat of the novel coronavirus continues to grow globally, innovative biopharmaceutical companies are ramping up efforts to study the virus and develop vaccines and cures to protect individuals from contracting the virus.

[Click here for BIO COVID-19 Response](#)

- [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](#)