

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

Update 14: March 30, 2020

Good afternoon,

Over the weekend, the CDC issued a [Domestic Travel Advisory for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut](#), which caused some confusion. [Governor Murphy later offered a statement](#) clarifying the impact of the advisory on New Jersey: “To be clear, this non-binding advisory guidance does not change the rules that have been established and in place for over a week now under [Executive Order 107](#). If you have been working as part of our frontline response effort, from health care workers to supermarket workers, we still need you on the job.”

On Sunday, the [White House extended social-distancing guidelines until the end of April](#), President Trump said the peak of the death rate would hit in two weeks and predicts the country would be on its way to recovery by June 1.

Today, the governor spent a lot of time explaining why social distancing is important, and why all New Jerseyans should continue to obey the order. They shared the [following charts](#) comparing no mitigation, and impact of at least 31% compliance of social distancing.



Governor Murphy also announced that [U.S. Attorney Carpenito, AG Grewal, Acting Comptroller Walsh](#), have formed a [Federal-State COVID-19 Fraud Task Force](#)

The New Jersey COVID-19 Fraud Task Force will marshal the collective investigative power of federal and state law enforcement agencies by forming joint investigative and prosecution teams to quickly address fraud complaints. In addition, the Task Force will share information publicly about common frauds so individuals and businesses can better protect themselves. **Residents are encouraged to report possible misconduct through a hotline established by the National Center for Disaster Fraud at (866) 720-5721 or disaster@leo.gov.** Complainants may remain anonymous.

The Task Force warned New Jerseyans about the most common types of COVID-related frauds and misconduct, including: Unlawful hoarding; Price-gouging; Treatment scams; Supply scams; Provider scams; Charity scams; Phishing scams; App scams; and Investment scams.

New Jerseyans are reminded to not pump their own gas. Governor Murphy confirmed that New Jersey has “no plans to turn our gas stations into self-serve at this time.”

Governor Murphy also expressed his gratefulness to the private sector companies that complied with PPE inventory order required by [Executive Order 109](#) Section 7.

“STAY AT HOME” EXECUTIVE ORDER 107 STILL IN PLACE

As mentioned at the start, the “Stay at Home” **Executive Order No. 107** remains in full effect. “**Manufacturing, industrial, logistics, ports, heavy construction, shipping, food production, food delivery, and other commercial operations may continue to operate....**”

Governor continues to remind the private sector that even though the E.O. deems manufacturing and other businesses essential, social distancing and CDC guidelines must be followed at those locations.

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 established a temporary process to help get critical infrastructure sites approved faster and provide essential employees with a temporary essential employee verification document that will expire in August 2020. Companies that get the temporary approval will then be required to take a training course in September to be able to maintain essential status and provide permanent cards to essential employees.

To date all the company requests received by CCNJ and submitted to OEM should have been contacted. Some companies were able to get into the permanent program, but most are in the temporary program, with opportunity to get permanent status in September when training is offered again.

Any CCNJ member company that is deemed [critical infrastructure](#) by the Manufacturing and Chemical Sector section in the CISA document, and is not in the system, but would like to be considered for the temporary program, please email Elvin Montero with your contact information.

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 and in previous updates. The state’s main COVID-19 information portal is located at , <https://covid19.nj.gov/>.

[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

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 in a circle). Below the title, there is 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." A small NJ logo is followed by the text "36 articles in this collection" and "Written by Business.NJ.gov Team". Under the heading "Most Recent Guidance Available", there are three article cards. The first card is titled "How do Executive Orders No. 107 and 108 on closures and social distancing affect my business?" and is dated "Updated yesterday". The second card is titled "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?" and is also dated "Updated yesterday". The third card is titled "If I have a business that urgently needs workers, or if I'm a worker looking for a job, where can I go?" and is dated "Updated in the last hour".

New Jersey COVID-19 Dashboard

COVID-19 Cases by County

Data is provisional and subsequent to revision.

3,847 Positives Pending Further Information

Bergen County:
2,482 Positive Test Result(s)

Essex County:
1,564 Positive Test Result(s)

Hudson County:
1,314 Positive Test Result(s)

Union County:
1,213 Positive Test Result(s)

Middlesex County:
1,123 Positive Test Result(s)

Passaic County:
1,091 Positive Test Result(s)

Monmouth County:
1,030 Positive Test Result(s)

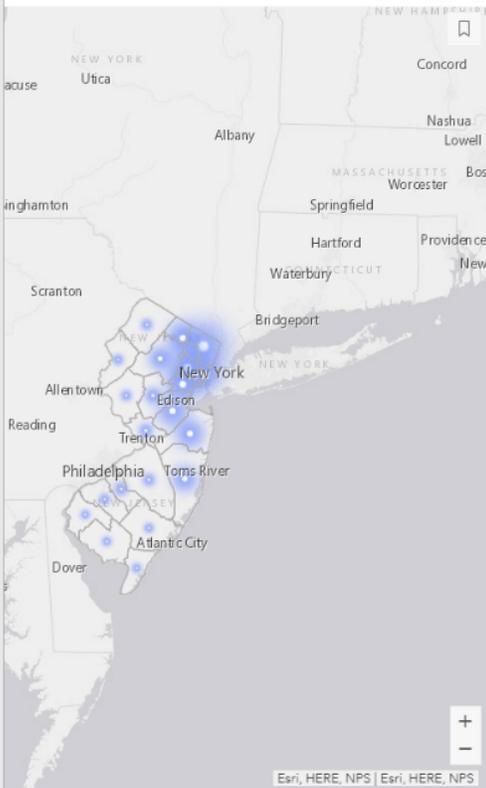
Ocean County:
874 Positive Test Result(s)

Morris County:
720 Positive Test Result(s)

Somerset County:
349 Positive Test Result(s)

Mercer County:

Cases by County:



Click county to see details.

Positive **16,636** Deaths **198**

25,224

Negative

This figure includes data reported to the state by the state lab plus seven private laboratory entities, representing about 90 percent of private testing capacity in New Jersey.

211 Calls

7,955

Since March 18

Total Calls

14,117

Hotline Calls

433

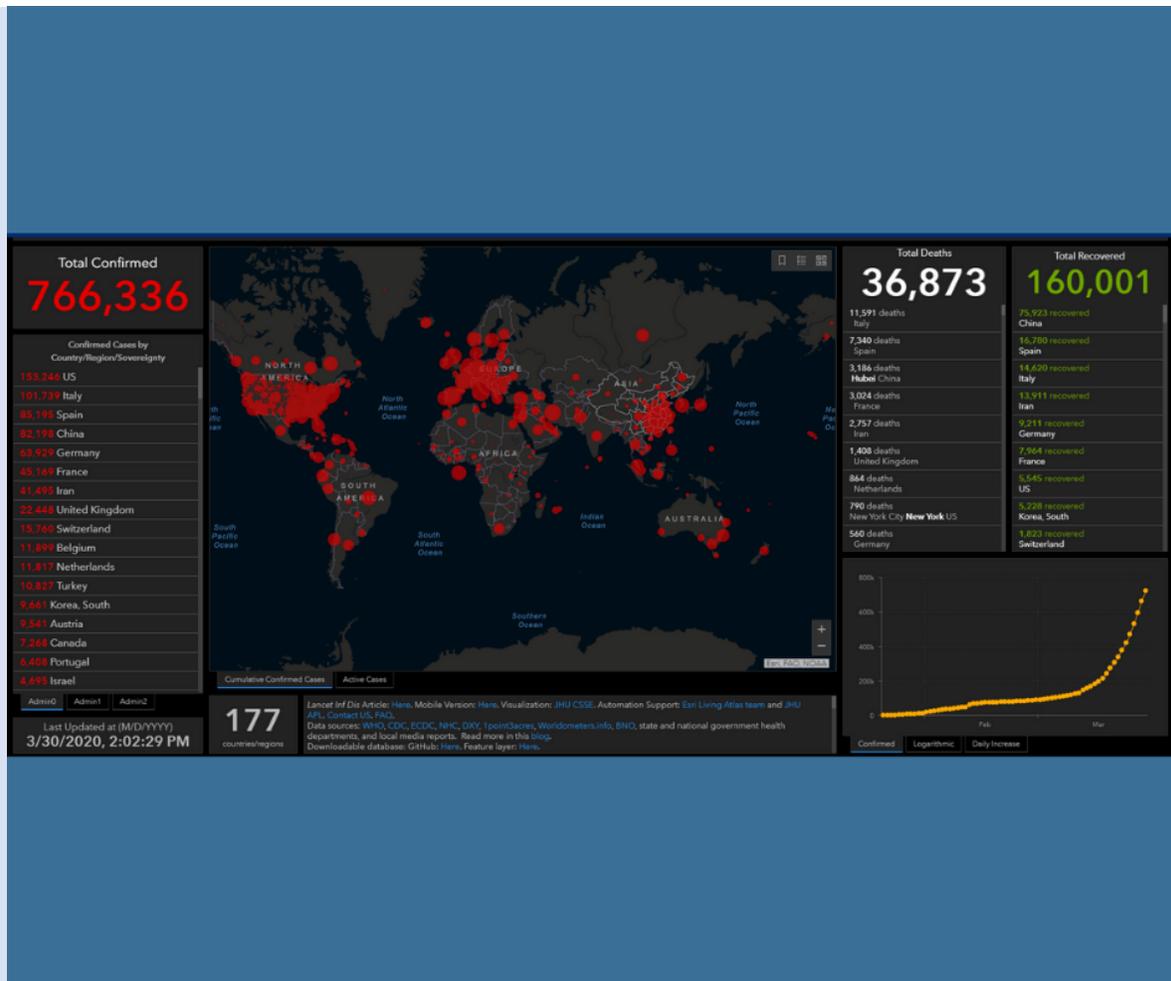
NJ Poison Information and Education System

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Text Alert Enrollments

111,261

Text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive alerts



New Jersey Governor Updates

[Statement from Governor Murphy on CDC Domestic Travel Advisory](#)

Throughout the day, I've been in constant communication with the White House, including discussions with the President and Vice President, who briefed me on tonight's CDC travel advisory affecting the tri-state region.

[Click here for release](#)

[TRANSCRIPT: March 28th, 2020 Coronavirus Briefing Media](#)

Just a reminder, tomorrow we're going to communicate electronically with you unless we deem there is a reason to do otherwise. And if there is, you have my word that I personally along with I'm sure members of our team will be available and we'll call an audible.

[Click here for transcripts](#)

[Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Directing Health Care Facilities to Report Data, Including PPE Inventory and Bed Capacity, On a Daily Basis](#)

Governor Phil Murphy today signed Executive Order No. 111, directing health care facilities to report daily data concerning their capacity and supplies to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

[Click here for release](#)

[U.S. Attorney Carpenito, AG Grewal, Acting Comptroller Walsh, Announce Federal-State COVID-19 Fraud Task Force](#)

Residents Encouraged to Report COVID-19 Related Fraud to Disaster Hotline: 866-720-5721
[Click here for release](#)

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

[COVID-19 SCENARIOS & BENEFITS AVAILABLE](#)

NJ Labor & Workforce Development

This chart is an easy guide for several COVID-19 scenarios and what benefits are available for each, such as earned sick leave, unemployment insurance, temporary disability/family leave insurance, and workers' compensation.

[Click here for document](#)

[NJLDR 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.

[Click here for NJ Labor COVID-19 Site](#)

[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](#)

Government Resources

- [EPA Announces Enforcement Discretion Policy for COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is mindful of the health and safety of the public, as well as our staff, and those of Federal Agencies, State and Local Governments, Tribes, Regulated Entities, Contractors, and Non-governmental Organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency is taking these important considerations into account as we all continue our work to protect human health and the environment. Accordingly, EPA is announcing a temporary policy regarding EPA enforcement of environmental legal obligations during the COVID-19 pandemic.
[Click here for more information](#)
- [NJEDA Announces New Initiatives to Support Businesses Impacted by COVID-19](#)
The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) Board today approved a suite of new programs designed to support businesses and workers facing economic hardship due to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19.
[Click here for more information](#)
- [DEP issues guidance for Public Water Systems and Wastewater Monitoring, Licensed Operator and Certified Laboratory issues due to the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
This advisory affects public drinking water systems and Category A (individual permits for domestic discharge) and ASC (general permit authorizations for school discharge) NJPDES surface water discharge permitted facilities that are required to perform routine monitoring pursuant to the state and federal regulations and their NJPDES permits where applicable.
[Click here for guidance](#)
- [IDENTIFYING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DURING COVID-19](#)
Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the [COVID-19](#) emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations.
[Click here for CISA Guidance](#)
- [OSHA RULE RELAXATION FOR EXPIRED RESPIRATORS](#)
OSHA has released an FAQ document about OSHA's Rule Relaxation For Fit Testing and Use of Expired Respirators.
[Click here to access the document.](#)
- [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration](#)

FAQ: Expanded Emergency Declaration Under 49 CFR § 390.23 No. 2020-002 (Relating to COVID-19)

[Click here to access FMCSA](#)

- [NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT POLICY REGARDING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS](#)

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) understands that many hazardous materials (hazmat) employers may be experiencing difficulty in either obtaining or providing recurrent training as required by the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR, 49 CFR Parts 171-180) due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak.

[Click here to access PHMSA document](#)

- [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

- [Johnson & Johnson Announces a Lead Vaccine Candidate for COVID-19; Landmark New Partnership with U.S. Department of Health & Human Services; and Commitment to Supply One Billion Vaccines Worldwide for Emergency Pandemic Use](#)

Johnson & Johnson and BARDA Together Commit More than \$1 Billion to Novel Coronavirus Vaccine Research and Development; Company Expects to Initiate Phase 1 Human Clinical Studies of Vaccine Candidate at Latest by September 2020

Johnson & Johnson Will Establish New U.S. Vaccine Manufacturing Capabilities and Additional Production Capacity Outside the U.S. to Begin Production at Risk to Help Ensure Global Vaccine Supply

[Click here for release](#)