

# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

## Update 18: April 7, 2020

Good afternoon,

Since state laws requires that a Public Health Emergency declared by the governor automatically terminate after 30 days, today Governor Murphy announced that he would renew the Public Health Emergency, declared on March 9, 2020 in E.O. 103, for another 30 days by signing [E.O. 119](#).

**[E.O. 119](#) ensures that all Executive Orders adopted in whole or in part based on the authority under the NJ Emergency Health Powers Act to respond to the Public Health Emergency presented by the COVID-19 outbreak remain in full force and effect.**

Of note, [E.O. 119](#) confirms that there are thousands of law enforcement officers in New Jersey currently unable to report to duty, the vast majority of which because they tested positive for COVID-19 or are currently in quarantine, and so this allows for precious limited law enforcement resources remain dedicated to the COVID-19 response.

In total, Governor Murphy signed four Executive Orders:

- [E.O. 116](#): Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Extending Statutory Deadlines for School Districts Whose Elections Were Moved from April to May
- [E.O. 117](#): Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Waiving Student Assessment Requirements for 2019-2020 School Year.
- [E.O. 118](#): Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Closing State and County Parks to Further Social Distancing.
- [E.O. 119](#): Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Extending Public Health Emergency in New Jersey

Governor publicly thanked two CCNJ member companies, BASF and BMS, during his press conference today for their contributions to New Jersey COVID-19 response efforts. You can access more information about their contributions in the industry section below.

Please note, the CDC has issued updated guidance providing additional information for asymptomatic persons with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19. Please, refer to the CDC section below for link.

### **CONSTRUCTION GUIDANCE EXPECTED**

CCNJ has learned from multiple sources that the Murphy Administration is strongly considering new restrictions on construction operations. It is likely that the governor will issue a new Executive Order identifying “essential” and “non-essential” construction activities at tomorrow’s press conference, with the assumption that “non-essential” construction will have to stop. We should have more information to share tomorrow if this is the case.

## **“STAY AT HOME” EXECUTIVE ORDER 107 STILL IN PLACE**

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.**

**As a reminder, [Executive Order No. 108](#) invalidates any county or municipal restriction that in any way will or might conflict with any of the provisions of [Executive Order No. 107](#). Earlier today we received notification that Perth Amboy was imposing a “Total Shutdown Order.” Realizing that this order was in clear violation of E.O. 108, CCNJ acted quickly to inform all necessary agencies to get the issue resolved. The Perth Amboy order has since been rescinded. If you come across with other orders you feel may violate E.O. 107/108, please reach out to CCNJ or you can report via [the state’s COVID-19 site](#).**

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.

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](http://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 a web dashboard with a blue header. In the top right corner, there is a link that says "Go to Business.NJ.gov". Below the header is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search for articles...". The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: "All Collections > COVID-19/Novel Coronavirus Information for New Jersey Businesses". The title of the page is "COVID-19/Novel Coronavirus Information for New Jersey Businesses". To the left of the title is an information icon (a lowercase 'i' in a circle). Below the title, there is a message: "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." Below this message is a small NJ logo and the text "36 articles in this collection" and "Written by Business.NJ.gov Team". Underneath is a section titled "Most Recent Guidance Available" which lists three items:

- 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

## New Jersey COVID-19 Dashboard

### COVID-19 Cases by County

Data is provisional and subject to revision.

2,220 Positives Pending Further Information  
 5 Deaths Pending Further Information

**Bergen County:**  
 7,533 Positive Test Results  
 263 Deaths

**Essex County:**  
 5,078 Positive Test Results  
 232 Deaths

**Hudson County:**  
 4,949 Positive Test Results  
 103 Deaths

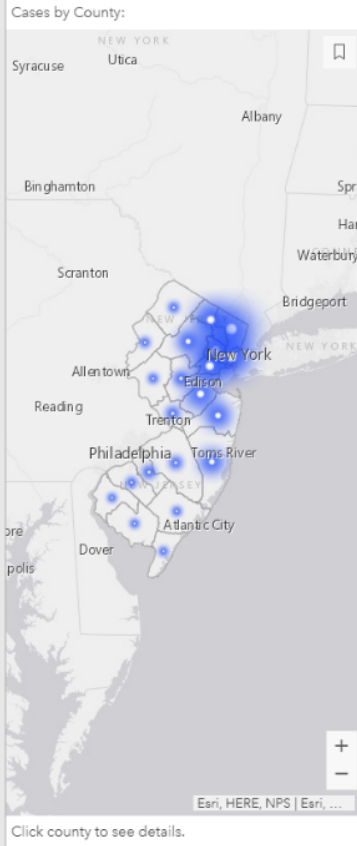
**Union County:**  
 4,358 Positive Test Results  
 95 Deaths

**Passaic County:**  
 4,101 Positive Test Results  
 62 Deaths

**Middlesex County:**  
 3,717 Positive Test Results  
 100 Deaths

**Monmouth County:**  
 2,770 Positive Test Results  
 71 Deaths

**Ocean County:**

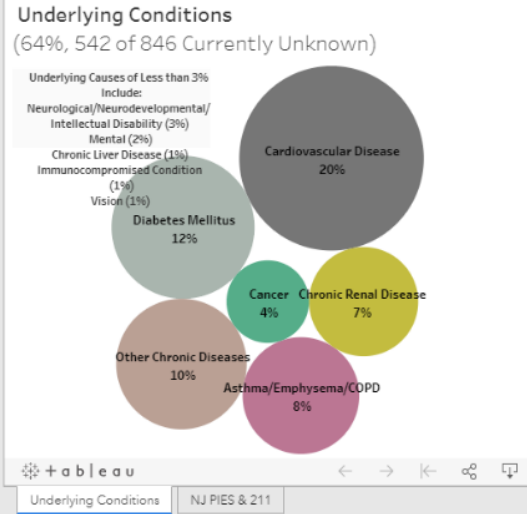


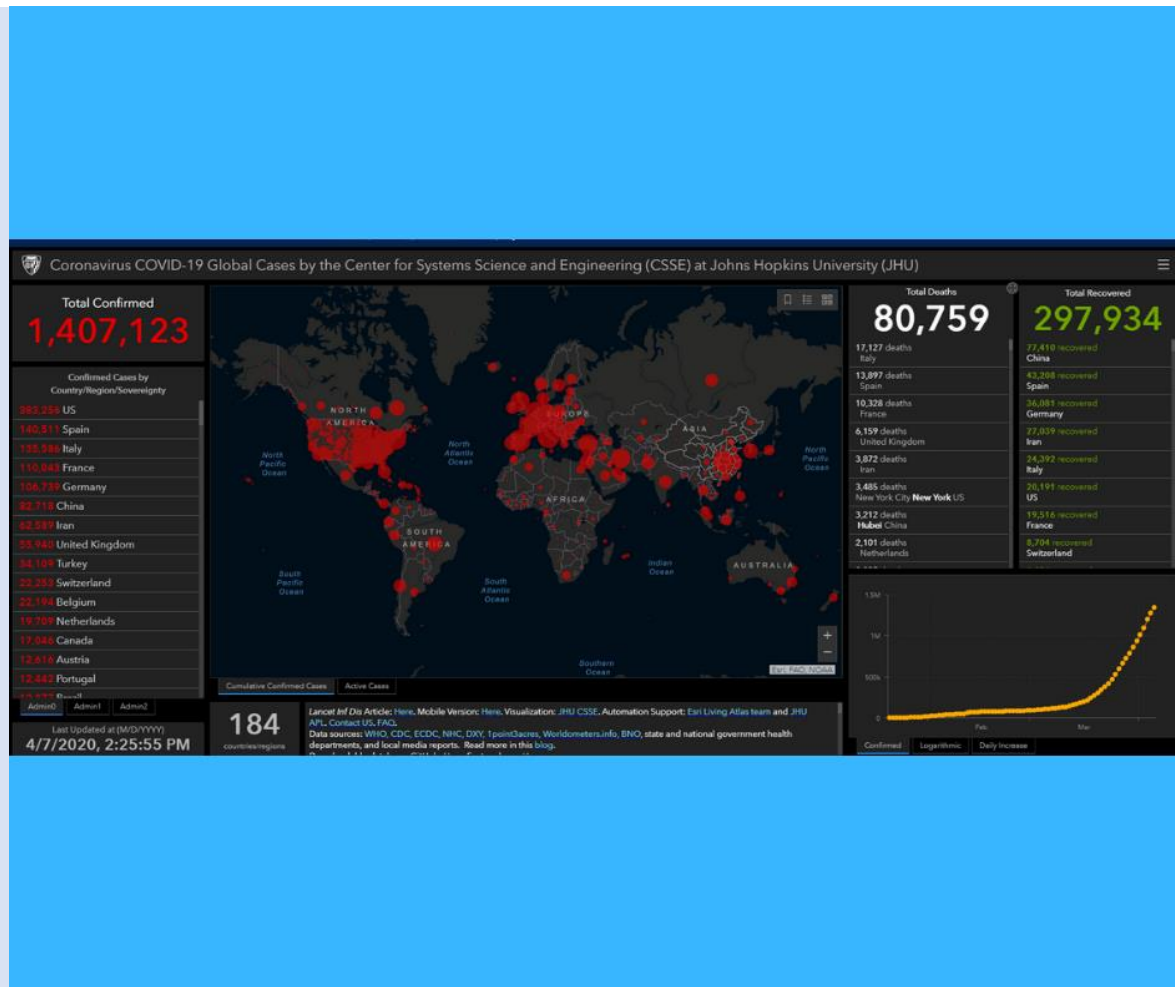
Positive  
**44,416**

**50,558**  
 Negative

Deaths  
**1,232**

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





## New Jersey Governor Updates

### [Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Extending Public Health Emergency in New Jersey](#)

Governor Phil Murphy today signed Executive Order No. 119, which extends the Public Health Emergency declared on March 9, 2020 through Executive Order No. 103. Under the Emergency Health Powers Act, a declared public health emergency expires after 30 days unless renewed.

<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200407e.shtml>

### [Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Closing State and County Parks to Further Social Distancing](#)

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<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200407c.shtml>

[TRANSCRIPT: April 6th, 2020 Coronavirus Briefing Media](#)

As we had been doing of late and we'll continue to do, let's get to the numbers upfront, and they as usual, of late, have been sobering. Since yesterday, we have received another 3,663 positive test results. That brings the statewide total to 41,090. Again 3,663, as you can see, new positive test results bringing the statewide total to 41,090. Sadly, we must also report another 86 deaths due to COVID-19 complications. With these, our statewide total has now eclipsed 1,000. It sits now at 1,003.

[https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/news\\_archive.shtml](https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/news_archive.shtml)

[Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Extending Statutory Deadlines for School Districts Whose Elections Were Moved from April to May](#)

Governor Murphy previously signed Executive Order No. 105, which postponed school board elections scheduled for April 21, 2020 until May 12, 2020.

<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200407a.shtml>

**CDC (COVID-19) Situation Summary Updated Regularly**

[Discontinuation of Isolation for Persons with COVID-19 Not in Healthcare Settings \(Interim Guidance\)](#)

Update CDC guidance providing additional information for asymptomatic persons with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 on limiting contact and wearing a face covering after isolation to prevent spread.

[Click here for update CDC Guidance](#)

[Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#)

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

[Click here for CDC Cloth Face Coverings Guidance](#)

[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](#)

[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](#)

## HIPPA Privacy, Labor Laws & CDC Reporting Form

### [Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Employer Paid Leave Requirements](#)

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA or Act) requires certain employers to provide their employees with paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19.<sup>[1]</sup> The Department of Labor's (Department) Wage and Hour Division (WHD) administers and enforces the new law's paid leave requirements. These provisions will apply from the effective date through December 31, 2020.

[Click here for more information](#)

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

NJ Labor & Workforce Development

This UPDATED 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](#)

### [NJDOL 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

- [Enforcement Guidance for Use of Respiratory Protection Equipment Certified under Standards of Other Countries or Jurisdictions During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#)

This memorandum provides interim guidance to Compliance Safety and Health Officers (CSHOs) for enforcing the Respiratory Protection standard, 29 CFR § 1910.134, and certain other health standards, with regard to supply shortages of disposable N95 filtering facepiece respirators (FFRs). Specifically, it outlines enforcement discretion to permit the use of FFRs and air-purifying elastomeric respirators that are either:

<https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-04-03/enforcement-guidance-use-respiratory-protection-equipment-certified-under>

- [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](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 & Related Resources

- [Bristol Myers Squibb Expands Patient Support Programs to Help Newly Uninsured Patients in the U.S.](#)

Businesswire

Bristol Myers Squibb (NYSE: BMY) today announced an expansion of its existing patient support programs to help eligible unemployed patients in the U.S. who have lost their health insurance due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://news.bms.com/press-release/philanthropy-news/bristol-myers-squibb-expands-patient-support-programs-help-newly-uni>

- [BASF Personal Care donates hand sanitizers at European sites](#)

BASF

BASF Personal Care has started the production of hand sanitizers at different production sites in Europe. The products are being provided free of charge to hospitals, care facilities and other institutions in regions surrounding production plants. The company wants to help overcome the current bottleneck for hand sanitizer that resulted from significantly increased demand.

<https://www.basf.com/global/en/media/news-releases/2020/04/p-20-176.html>

- Governor Murphy: A huge thank you to [@BASE](#), which is donating 1,000 gallons of hand sanitizer that is producing right here, in-state, at their facility in Washington Borough, Warren County.