

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information

Update 11: March 25, 2020

Good afternoon,

Today Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order 110](#) requiring all childcare centers in New Jersey that wish to continue operating to certify that they will solely serve the children of essential workers. The deadline to certify is Friday, March 27. Beginning Wednesday, April 1, **only childcare centers that exclusively serve the children of essential workers will be allowed to remain open. Section 5 F does cover our essential workers.**

Late yesterday, the state identified [new essential businesses](#): Mobile phone retail and repair shops; Bicycle shops, but only to provide service and repair; Livestock feed stores; Nurseries and garden centers; and Farming equipment stores.

State still has a critical need for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). You may send information about supplies, like masks, gloves, hand sanitizers, that your company would like to donate to ppedonations@njsp.org.

Earlier today, Dennis Hart sent out an email providing some guidance on [Executive Order 109, Section 7](#), requiring all businesses in possession of **PPE, ventilators, respirators, or anesthesia machines that are not required for the provision of critical health care services to undertake an inventory of such supplies and send that information to the state by no later than 5:00 p.m. on 6 Friday, March 27, 2020.**

CCNJ as of this update has not received any more guidance on the process or inventory form. **Once we do, we will send it out to all members ASAP – even before the next update.** Earlier today, we asked OEM about the process, and they discussed the PPE donation email. While we would be OK with that email accepting information, CCNJ asked for an inventory form and stressed that the state clarify what PPE it is seeking (i.e. masks, latex gloves, etc.), which will help our members provide accurate information. Some type of form with PPE listed will also save precious time for everyone, while providing consistent information. CCNJ doesn't want staff using precious time to inventory all PPE that is of no use to the state. That is why CCNJ believes if OEM provides a form that will help facilitate the process and provide the state with better information. We are awaiting more information from the chief of the Critical Infrastructure Bureau at the ROIC.

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.](#)

NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – ONGOING CONSTRUCTION / INSPECTIONS

DCA is releasing guidance addressing the construction industry's concerns about the interruption of plan review and inspection responsibilities at the state or local levels due to the COVID-19 emergency:

- Pursuant to Executive Orders 107 and 108, at this time, local enforcing agencies (LEAs) cannot restrict code officials from performing their obligations under the Uniform Construction Code (UCC), N.J.A.C. 5:23. In response to this, the Department of Community Affairs has temporarily relaxed and modified certain provisions concerning Minor work (N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.17A), Inspections (N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.18), and Certificate requirements (N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.23) in order to ensure the continuity of construction without a detriment to the public welfare during the COVID-19 pandemic. The below guidance explains these rule modifications.

In addition, DCA will be issuing Temporary Rule Relaxation of certain provisions of Title 5, New Jersey Administrative Code.

For more information about the guidance, please contact Ben Graziano (bgraziano@chemistrycouncilnj.org).

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE DISCRETION

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) have issued a notice, guidance document, enforcement policies, and regulatory waiver for various DOT regulatory requirements re: CDLs/CLPs, DOT drug-and-alcohol testing, and hazardous materials training requirements.

More details and information can be found here:

- [FMCSA](#)
- [PHMSA](#)

“STAY AT HOME” EXECUTIVE ORDER 107

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....”**

While this is not a concern for our industries that have been deemed essential, just be aware that the state has set up a [website](#) where employees can report a possible violation of [Executive Order No. 107](#) using an online form. The form goes into OEM, and they will then verify the information.

Where teleworking or working from home is not an option, there is a strong request to reduce staff on site **TO THE MINIMAL NUMBER TO ENSURE SAFE OPERATIONS.**

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 is developing 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.

OEM will still require that you identify the number of employees that are essential. Remember, the state has instructed all businesses, including manufacturing deemed essential, to maintain social distancing and CDC guidelines, and have on site the minimal amount of staff required for safe operations.

CCNJ will update members once the temporary process is established.

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.](#)

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](#)




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COVID-19/Novel Coronavirus Information for New Jersey Businesses



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.

 36 articles in this collection
Written by Business.NJ.gov Team

Most Recent Guidance Available


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 subsequent to revision.
933 Positives Pending Further Information

Bergen County:
819 Positive Test Result(s)

Essex County:
381 Positive Test Result(s)

Middlesex County:
316 Positive Test Result(s)

Monmouth County:
313 Positive Test Result(s)

Union County:
262 Positive Test Result(s)

Hudson County:
260 Positive Test Result(s)

Passaic County:
255 Positive Test Result(s)

Morris County:
223 Positive Test Result(s)

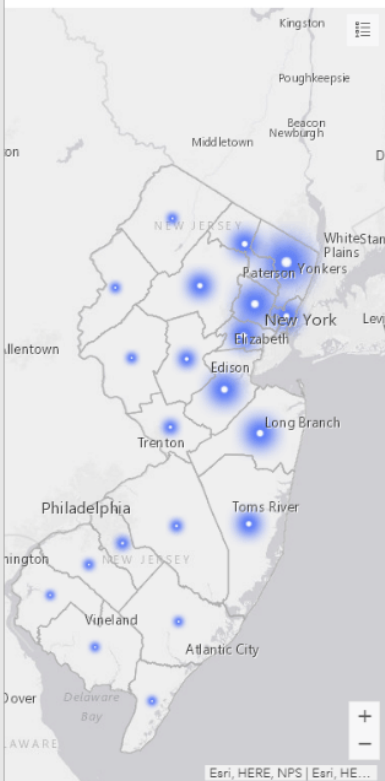
Ocean County:
222 Positive Test Result(s)

Somerset County:
117 Positive Test Result(s)

Mercer County:
82 Positive Test Result(s)

Camden County:

Cases by County:



New Jersey Positives

New Jersey Deaths

4,402 **62**

Hotline

Calls in Past 24 Hours

Total Calls To Date

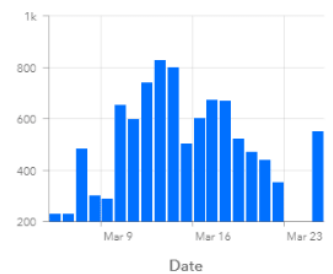
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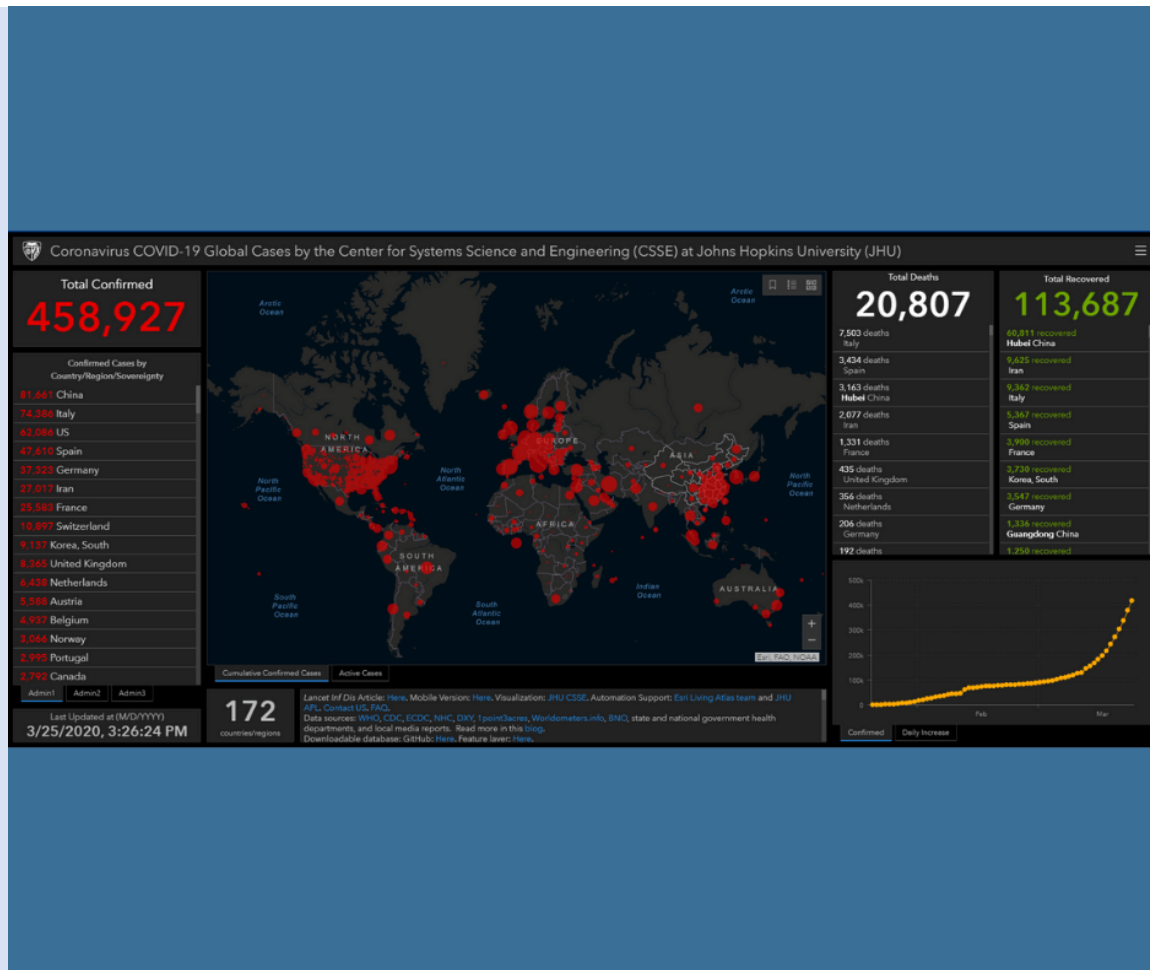
211 Calls

Text Alert Enrollments

4,651 calls **97,509**
Since March 18 Text NJCOVID to 888-211 to receive alerts

Calls/Day to COVID-19 Hotline





New Jersey Governor Updates

[Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Requiring Child Care Centers Close on April 1 Unless Serving Children of Essential Workers](#)

Governor Phil Murphy today signed Executive Order No. 110, directing all child care centers in New Jersey to certify by Friday, March 27, that they will solely serve as emergency child care centers for the children of essential workers. Child care centers that do not certify that they can and will exclusively care for these children of essential workers must close by Wednesday, April 1.

[Click here to access](#)

[TRANSCRIPT: March 24th, 2020 Coronavirus Briefing Media](#)

After careful discussion and consideration with the Department of Education and the Attorney General's Office, we have applied for the available federal waiver to cancel all student standardized testing scheduled for April. We fully expect this waiver to be granted and Counsel's Office is already at work on a subsequent order to address the impacts of this decision on other areas of state law and that will be forthcoming.

[Click here for transcripts](#)

[Governor Murphy Announces Additions to Essential Retail Businesses Permitted to Operate](#)

Governor Phil Murphy and Superintendent of the State Police Colonel Patrick Callahan today announced an Administrative Order, permitting additional retail businesses to operate during their normal business hours. Effective immediately, the following businesses are considered essential in accordance with Executive Order No. 107:

[Click here to access](#)

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

[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

[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>

Government Resources

• [OSHA RULE RELAXATION FOR EXPIRED RESPIRATORS](#)

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[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

- [More Than 100 Industry Groups Urge President, And Elected Officials At All Levels To Uniformly Apply Department of Homeland Security Critical Infrastructure Definition](#)
The American Chemistry Council (ACC) today joined more than 100 other business and trade associations representing a wide swath of the business community in pressing the White House, Governors, Mayors, and other elected officials to come together with uniform practices and policies by adopting the definition of "critical infrastructure" as defined by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
[Click here to read more](#)
- 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/>