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**PRELIMINARY**

- All new information contained in this report will be highlighted.
- All requests for resources or assistance should be directed to the Essex County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 973-324-9750 or [essexoem@essexsheriff.com](mailto:essexoem@essexsheriff.com).
- Beginning on Saturday, June 27, 2020, the Essex County EOC will be operating during the following hours in response to this public health emergency to support and coordinate the preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery due to COVID-19:

Monday - Friday      0700 hours - 1700 hours  
Saturday - Sunday    0700 hours - 1500 hours

- During hours that the EOC is not activated, please contact us via phone and dial "0" during the automated message to be directed to our 24/7 Communications Center or call our 24/7 Communications Center directly at 973-621-4111 and ask for a representative from OEM **if your matter is urgent in nature**, otherwise the personnel in the Communications Center will take the information and it will be addressed during the EOC's operational hours.
- Any public information of media related inquiries should be directed to the County Executive's PIO (Anthony Puglisi - 973-621-2542) or the Sheriff's PIO (Julian Coltre - 973-508-8998)

**A. COUNTY UPDATES**

- The contact information for the Essex County Covid-19 Testing Call Center have been updated as follows:

E-Mail: [essexcovid19@admin.essexcountynj.org](mailto:essexcovid19@admin.essexcountynj.org)  
Phone: 973-877-8456  
Fax: 973-649-6351

- Essex County is increasing testing to 5 Days a week. Testing will include new mobile sites that will move around the County. Our office is actively scheduling COVID-19 testing appointments for Essex County Residents symptomatic and asymptomatic who meet the criteria thru our website [www.essexcovid.org](http://www.essexcovid.org). Please see the attachment for the latest testing update.
- As a preventive measure, the following County facilities will be closed: all Essex County vocational schools and recreational facilities including but not limited to all community centers and senior buildings located within the parks system with the exception of the following locations that shall be open to the public as of 8:00 am on May, 2, 2020:



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- a) All County parks and Reservations shall be open to the public to engage in passive recreational activities in which social distancing can be readily achieved and with the following restrictions:
  - i. All persons are required to comply with Governor Murphy's Executive Order 133 or subsequent orders issued regulating the use of County parks.
  - ii. **All persons shall wear face coverings.**
- b) County golf courses shall be open to the public with the following restrictions:
  - i. All persons are required to comply with Governor Murphy's Executive Order 133 or subsequent orders issued regulating the use of County golf courses.
  - ii. **All persons shall wear face coverings.**
- The Essex County Prosecutor has distributed a list of Statues that can be used related to the coronavirus. Please note that when looking to use one of these charges, approval must be obtained by the on-call Police Legal advisor. This list of statues was attached to SIT REP #13.
- To date the Essex County EOC has fielded **436 resource requests** and distributed **2,466,879** units of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to OEM, Police, Fire, EMS, Long-Term Care Facilities and other Essex County stakeholders.

Total PPE Distributed	N95 Masks	Surgical Masks	KN95 Masks	Face Shields	Surgical Gowns	Gloves
<b>2,466,879</b>	<b>79,472</b>	<b>1,222,896</b>	<b>232,621</b>	<b>131,100</b>	<b>96,507</b>	<b>704,283</b>

- On March 17, 2020, at 0700 the Essex County EOC was activated and will be open daily from 0700-2300.
- On March 16, 2020, at 2120 hours Essex County OEM Coordinator Armando B. Fontoura with the Support of the County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo declared a County Emergency.



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**DATA NOTES:**

- The following counts are generated from cases in the NJDOH Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS) and may include cases that have been recently uploaded by laboratories and not yet evaluated by a local health department (LHD).
- These values are a count of individuals with a positive lab result for SARS-CoV2 (COVID19) and town counts are based on the town assigned as their primary address within CDRSS. The town assignment may change upon investigation by local health departments which may be responsible for a decrease in case counts.
- The number of deaths reported represents the number of deceased individuals who tested positive for COVID19 and reports by town is based on the decedent's primary address in the data system. Particularly in the case of former nursing home residents, the town of assignment may change based on further investigation by local health departments.
- Social distancing, hand hygiene, and other steps to prevent infection must be followed at all times in all municipalities regardless of the number of cases.
- The number of infected individuals in any municipality is likely to be much greater than indicated as this data ONLY includes persons who have been tested and whose lab results have been reported in the State's data system.
- On 9/16/20, the data source for daily count data was changed to the recently created NJDOH COVID Report (Lab-Confirmed PCR). This report will provide a more stable source of data compared to that previously available and local health departments may also access this report as needed. Additionally, NJDOH has changed the way incoming lab results are coded and daily reports of negative test results are no longer available.



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**B. POSITIVE CASES REPORTED**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Cases as of Last Report</u>	<u>Cases Current Report</u>	<u>Cases Change</u>	<u>Deaths as of Last Report</u>	<u>Current Reported Deaths</u>	<u>Deaths Change</u>
Belleville	1,130	1,132	2	66	66	0
Bloomfield	1,228	1,229	1	69	69	0
Caldwell	132	133	1	11	11	0
Cedar Grove	498	498	0	113	113	0
East Orange	2,097	2,101	4	231	231	0
Essex Fells	35	35	0	2	2	0
Fairfield	164	165	1	17	17	0
Glen Ridge	51	51	0	9	9	0
Irvington	1,583	1,586	3	162	162	0
Livingston	538	537	-1	70	70	0
Maplewood	370	369	-1	27	27	0
Millburn	174	175	1	6	6	0
Montclair	520	521	1	52	52	0
Newark	8,520	8,525	5	663	664	1
North Caldwell	58	58	0	4	4	0
Nutley	567	568	1	36	36	0
Orange	1,106	1,106	0	92	92	0
Roseland	93	93	0	14	14	0
South Orange	129	129	0	5	5	0
Verona	161	161	0	14	14	0
West Caldwell	303	303	0	48	48	0
West Orange	1,361	1,363	2	186	186	0
<b><u>Essex County Totals</u></b>	<u>Cases as of Last Report Total</u> 20,818	<u>Current Cases Total</u> 20,838	<u>Case Change Total</u> 20	<u>Deaths as of Last Report Total</u> 1,897	<u>Current Death Total</u> 1,898	<u>Death Change Total</u> 1
	Countywide Negative Tests: <b>No longer available, see page 3</b>					
<b><u>Statewide Totals (NJ)</u></b>	200,154	200,580	426	14,278	14,285	7



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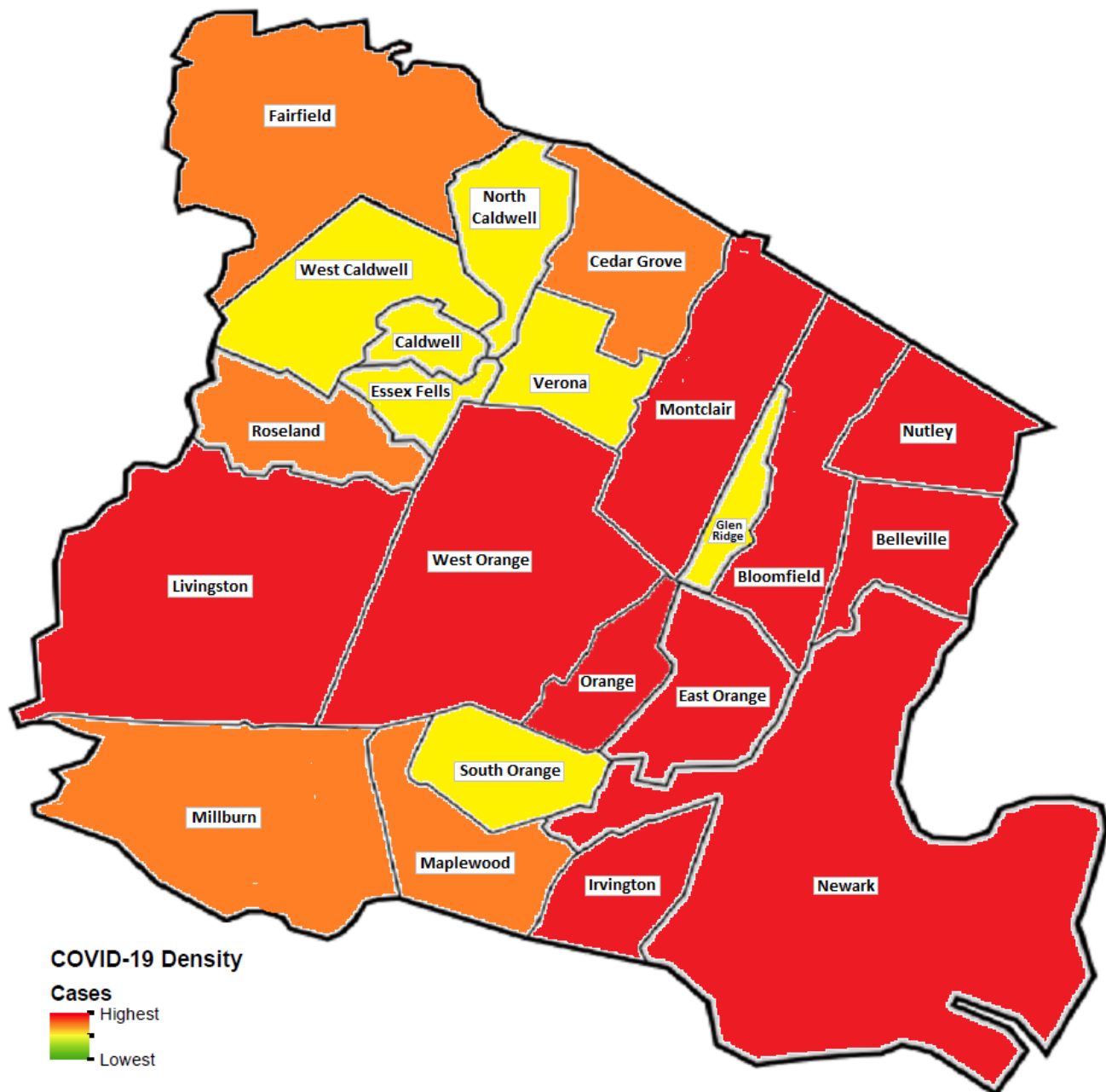
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**Concentration of Cases by Town in Essex County**





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**C. MUNICIPAL ACTIVATIONS/DECLARATIONS**

- 16 Municipalities have activated their Emergency Operations Center
- 21 Municipalities have Declared a Municipal Emergency
- Any Municipalities that are deactivating their EOC or rescinding their declaration must update E-Team, and notify Essex OEM by email.

Municipality	Emergency Declaration			EOC Activated			
	Yes	No	Date	Yes	No	Date	Time
Belleville	X		3/17/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Bloomfield	X		3/18/20			Daily	Remotely
Caldwell	X		3/17/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Cedar Grove	X		3/17/20		X	--	--
East Orange	X		3/16/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Essex Fells		X	--		X	--	--
Fairfield	X		3/16/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Glen Ridge	X		3/16/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Irvington	X		3/19/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Livingston	X		3/19/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Maplewood	X		3/13/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Millburn	X		3/16/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Montclair	X		3/17/20	X		Daily	0830-1630
Newark	X		3/17/20		X		
North Caldwell	X		3/17/20		X	--	--
Nutley	X		3/18/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Orange	X		3/19/20	X		3/19/20	24/7
Roseland	X		3/19/20		X	--	--
South Orange	X		3/13/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Verona	X		3/14/20	X		Daily	Remotely
West Caldwell	X		4/30/20		X	--	--
West Orange	X		3/16/20	X		Daily	0800-2000 M-F

**Notes:** None





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**D. ESSEX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- As required by Executive Order 149, the Department of Health has developed guidelines to govern the operations of youth summer camps. These guidelines set forth protocols governing all aspects of camp operations and describe the steps each camp should take to lower the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread. Please note that given the dynamic nature of this pandemic, this guidance may be modified as the situation evolves and new data becomes available. The full guide is attached to Sit Rep 168.
- The NJDOH has answered frequently asked questions pertaining to COVID-19 and antibody testing. The full list is attached to Sit Rep 112.
- On May 5, 2020, The Communicable Disease Service has developed a quick reference guide with updated information regarding discontinuation of transmission-based precautions and home isolation for persons with confirmed COVID-19. This document is intended to serve as a general resource. A full copy of this guidance is attached to SIT REP # 99.
- On April 2, 2020 the NJ DOH issued Executive Directive 20-010 setting forth guidelines for mortuary affairs and the disposition of remains.
  - [https://nj.gov/health/legal/covid19/4-22-20\\_ExecutiveDirectiveNo20-010DispositionofRemains.pdf](https://nj.gov/health/legal/covid19/4-22-20_ExecutiveDirectiveNo20-010DispositionofRemains.pdf)
- The NJDOH has set forth guidelines for retail stores and restaurants to continue to operate. The information is available here:
  - <https://faq.business.nj.gov/en/articles/3839687-what-mitigation-protocols-are-required-for-businesses-continuing-to-operate>
- The American Heart Association (AHA) has set forth CPR guidelines that apply to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients and anyone whose agency is AHA CPR accredited.
  - [https://cpr.heart.org/-/media/cpr-files/resources/covid-19-resources-for-cpr-training/english/algorithmbls\\_adult\\_cacovid\\_200406.pdf?la=en&hash=553095CDEBE3D215FDE9E45FFC168BD3A0D18C34](https://cpr.heart.org/-/media/cpr-files/resources/covid-19-resources-for-cpr-training/english/algorithmbls_adult_cacovid_200406.pdf?la=en&hash=553095CDEBE3D215FDE9E45FFC168BD3A0D18C34)
- On April 17, 2020 NJ OEM and the Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner (OCSME) opened a temporary morgue on the grounds of University Hospital in Newark to address the surge in bodies resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Information for hospitals about operations and how to transfer patients to the temporary morgues will be available at:
  - <https://nj.gov/health/me/covid19/>



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- The NJ DOH provided a document to assist with the management of outbreaks in Long-Term Care Facilities. The checklist can be accessed at:
  - [https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID\\_Outbreak\\_Management\\_Checklist.pdf](https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID_Outbreak_Management_Checklist.pdf)

**E. ESSEX COUNTY EMS COORDINATOR**

- EMS agencies are reminded to work with their local OEM for all resource requests.
- A Regional EMS Staffing and Response COOP Plan was discussed. EMS agencies were advised to notify County EMS Coordinator if a backfill ambulance is needed in their municipality or region.
- Essex County OEM tent support systems are currently deployed at:
  - Mountainside Hospital
  - University Hospital

**F. ESSEX COUNTY FIRE COORDINATOR**

- The Division of Fire Safety sent a memo regarding outside dining. A copy of the memo is attached to Sit Rep #183.
- Attached to Sit Rep 105 is a reference guide provided by the Fire Coordinator with links to assist with COVID-19 Response.
- As of May 1, 2020, Essex County Fire Mutual Aid will allow coverage to go to the requesting community. Personnel will stay outside of the host Fire Station unless absolutely necessary. Personnel may enter the Station Apparatus Floor to utilize the rest room facilities only.
- The relocation Companies should be rotated approximately every three (3) hours. The Incident Commander will need to provide updates in order to determine the time necessary for coverage. Also, no sick member(s) will be sent out for Relocation Duties.
- If an agency has any injured Firefighters please remember to submit a Fire Fighter Serious Injury/Fatality Reports. If they need any assistance with Fire Fighter injuries use the following contact Vince Capmpagna, Division of Fire Safety at 609-468-6619.





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- The FEMA “Disaster Financial Management Guide” contains concepts, principles, and resources that are applicable to the current operational environment and ongoing COVID-19 response and recovery efforts. The full document can be found here:
  - <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/187126>
- The NJ Division of Fire Safety Division of Community Affairs created a memo outlining recommended potential ways to adjust fire operations and ways to maintain readiness and response capabilities.
  - <https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs/pdf/Covid-19%20Concerns%20Local%20Enforcement%20Agencies%20Memo.pdf>
- If you are going to Decon your PPE, check with the manufacturers or the dealers whom you purchased the PPE from. Some common materials will breakdown the integrity of gear. Also do not use commercial dry cleaner it will be harmful to the gear. Finally if you have a washer designed for cleaning gear make sure cleaning solution is made for that purpose.
- As per the Essex County Fire Coordinator in regards to fire response, any member in a high-risk health category should consider standing down from responding to a scene for their own personal safety.
  - A high risk health member is defined as anyone over the age of 60 and anyone with respiratory issues, diabetes or immune deficiencies.
  - If this member is a driver, he/she should stand down.
  - If no other drivers are available, command will decide if they should respond.
  - If no other drivers are available, they should remain in the cab unless they need to operate apparatus from outside. Always error on the side of caution.
- The DEP Commissioner and the AG’s office have canceled the AFFF foam recovery drop off.

### **G. ESSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL / EMERGENCY ROOM UPDATES**

- All hospitals are receiving PPE directly from the SEOC and NJ OEM based on their reporting through the NJHA portal.
- Clara Maass Medical Center
- East Orange General
  - Additional Skilled Nursing In-Patient Facilities added:
    - 250 Bed Capacity
- East Orange Veterans



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- Hackensack UMC Mountainside
  - One (1) 19 X 35 Western Shelter Tent and HVAC with a generator was established outside the emergency department for rapid triage of patients.
- Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
- RWJ St. Barnabas Medical Center
- St. Michael's Medical Center
- University Hospital
  - One (1) 19' x 35' Western Shelter Tent and HVAC with generator was established outside the emergency department for rapid triage of patients.
  - A second 35' x 19' Western Shelter Tent has been set up outside of University Hospital to triage/register patients prior to entering the emergency department.
  - The University Hospital Command Center is deactivated.

**H. STATE UPDATES**

- On September 1, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed, Executive Order 183, Allowing the Resumption of Indoor Dining Effective Friday, September 4. The full executive order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-183.pdf>
- On August 27, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed, Executive Order 181, allowing gyms and indoor amusement and water parks to reopen effective Tuesday, September 1. The full executive order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-181.pdf>
- On August 27, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed, Executive Order 180, extending the Public Health Emergency. The full executive order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-180.pdf>
- On August 21, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy announced that the state's water, gas, and electric companies agreed to extend their voluntary moratorium to prevent shutoffs during the COVID-19 pandemic until October 15<sup>th</sup>. A link to the press release can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200821a.shtml>



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- On August 13, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed **Executive Order 175**, which opens New Jersey's schools for In-Person instruction subject to critical health and safety protocols. A link to the updated list can be found here.
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-175.pdf>
- On August 3, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed **Executive Order 173**, which decreases the indoor gathering capacity limit. The full executive order can be found here.
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-173.pdf>
- On August 1, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed **Executive Order 170**, which temporarily extends certain statutory deadlines across state government that require review and action by agencies before a specified deadline. The full executive order can be found attached.
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-170.pdf>
- On July 20, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued **Executive Order 168**, which announces guidance for sports activities from the Department of Health (DOH).
  - [https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/approved/eo\\_archive.html](https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/approved/eo_archive.html)
- On July 14, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy updated the Quarantine Advisory Issued for Individuals Traveling to New Jersey. A link to the updated list can be found here :
  - <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/general-public/which-states-are-on-the-travel-advisory-list-are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey>
- On July 13, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued **Executive Order 165**, which lifts 50 percent capacity limits on NJ TRANSIT and private-carrier buses, trains, light rail vehicles and Access Link vehicles, and now requires that NJ TRANSIT and private-carriers limit vehicles to the maximum seated capacity, effective at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15. The full executive order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-165.pdf>
- On July 13, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued **Executive Order 164**, which announces the postponement of annual and municipal and county party committee reorganization meetings. The full executive order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-164.pdf>
- On July 8, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued **Executive Order 163**, which requires individuals to wear face coverings in outdoor public spaces when it is not practicable to socially distance.. The full executive order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-163.pdf>



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- On July 2, 2020 the NJ Department of Health has provided guidance on the opening of pools, child care programs, summer camps, and amusement parks. A copy of these directives are attached to Sit Rep 208.
- On June 30, 2020 The Department of Health revised Executive Directive 20-019 updating COVID-19 protocols for food or beverage establishments offering outdoor dining service. A copy of the full Directive is attached to Sit Rep 207.
- On June 30, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued **Executive Order 159**, which temporarily extends certain statutory deadlines across state government. The full executive order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-159.pdf>
- On June 29, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued **Executive Order 158**, temporarily pausing the resumption of indoor dining. The full executive order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-158.pdf>
- On June 26, 2020, Governor Murphy issued **Executive Order 157**, establishing rules for indoor dining, indoor recreational facilities, and individualized instruction at gyms and fitness centers. The full executive order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-157.pdf>
- On June 26, 2020, the NJ Department of Education released the guidance on reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year. This guidance is attached to Sit Rep 203.
- On June 24, 2020 Governor Murphy issued an announcement advising all individuals traveling from states with a significant community spread of COVID-19 to self-quarantine for 14 days. The full attachment is attached Sit Rep 201.
- On June 22, 2020 Governor Murphy issued **Executive Order 156** which announces increased indoor and outdoor gathering capacity limits. See attached:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-156.pdf>
- On June 19, 2020 the New Jersey Department of Health signed Administrative Order 2020-17, which allows residents living in long-term care facilities to enjoy outdoor visits in designated areas with family members and loved ones effective as of June 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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- On June 18, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued **Executive Order 155**, allowing for limited in-person instruction at institutions of higher education and trade and training schools beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. The full executive order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-155.pdf>
- On June 15, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Health issued a “Guidance for Sports Activities”. The full order can be found here:
  - [https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID\\_GuidanceForSportsActivities.pdf](https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID_GuidanceForSportsActivities.pdf)
- On June 13, 2020, Governor Murphy issued Administrative Order 202-15. This order outlines restrictions on venues, libraries, schools, real estate open houses, essential retail businesses, car washes, yard sales, special events, and private tutoring facilities. The full order can be found here:
  - [http://d31hzlkhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200614/65/61/89/3e/dc9a1c682b6e6b578651cdea/AO\\_2020-15.pdf](http://d31hzlkhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200614/65/61/89/3e/dc9a1c682b6e6b578651cdea/AO_2020-15.pdf)
- On June 13, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued **Executive Order 154** allowing personal care service facilities to open effective June 22, 2020. The link to the full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-154.pdf>
- On June 9, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued **Executive Order 152** raising limits on outdoor and indoor gatherings. The full order be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-152.pdf>
- On June 9, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued **Executive Order 153** opening pools effective June 22 and additional outdoor recreational businesses. The full order is can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-153.pdf>
- On June 4, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued **Executive Order 151** extending the Public Health Emergency in New Jersey. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-151.pdf>
- On June 3, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued **Executive Order 150** announcing outdoor dining protocols and process to expand premises for liquor license holders. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-150.pdf>





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- The American Red Cross New Jersey Region, together with state officials, is offering New Jersey resources in a Virtual Family Assistance Center launched to support families struggling with loss and grief due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. For more information use the following link:
  - <https://www.redcross.org/virtual-family-assistance-center/nj-family-assistance-center.html>
- The childcare safety guidelines, which were posted on the NJ DCF website and will be communicated to all licensed childcare centers in the State of New Jersey, would require centers to abide by certain safety guidelines as a condition of reopening. The full guidance can be found here:
  - [https://www.nj.gov/dcf/coronavirus\\_licensedchildcare.html](https://www.nj.gov/dcf/coronavirus_licensedchildcare.html)
- On May 30, 2020, Governor Murphy Signed **Executive Order 149** Allowing Resumption of Child Care Services, Youth Day Camps, and Organized Sports Over the Coming Weeks. The full executive order can be found at:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-149.pdf>
- On May 29, 2020, Governor Murphy announced the COVID-19 Short-Term Rental Assistance Program. The program will provide rental assistance to low- and moderate-income households that have had a substantial reduction in income as a result of the pandemic, including those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- On May 29, 2020, the State provided additional information concerning alternatives to commencement ceremonies. This guidance is attached to Sit Rep #147.
- On May 26, 2020, Governor Murphy announced that Modified In-Person Graduation Ceremonies Can Begin on July 6. A copy of the press release is attached to SIT REP #141.
- New Jersey residents enrolled in the state's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will be able to use their benefits to order groceries online starting May 28th. Online shopping will be available through Amazon and participating Walmarts, ShopRites and The Fresh Grocers.
- On May 20, 2020, Colonel Patrick Callahan signed **Administrative Order 2020-13** authorizing in-person sales to resume at car dealerships, motorcycle dealerships, boat dealerships, and bike shops, by appointment only and with social distancing measures in place. The Order will take effect at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20.



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- On May 20, 2020, the NJ Department of Health created Guidance for Ambulatory Surgery Centers to Resume Elective Surgery and Invasive Procedures. This document is attached to Sit Rep #129.
- On May 20, 2020, Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal announced that the Division of Consumer Affairs has authorized licensed New Jersey pharmacists to widely administer COVID-19 tests to customers without a prescription. This notice is attached to Sit Rep #129.
- On May 19, 2020, Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order No. 147**, which authorizes certain outdoor activities at recreational businesses such as archery ranges, batting cages, golf driving ranges, horseback riding, shooting, ranges, tennis clubs, community gardens, and more to open on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with restrictions. A full copy of this order is attached to Sit Rep #126.
- On May 18, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy unveiled a multi-stage approach to execute a responsible and strategic economic restart to put New Jersey on the road back to recovery from COVID-19. A full copy of the plan is attached to Sit Rep # 125.
- On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 146** to reopen charter fishing and watercraft rental businesses. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-146.pdf>
- On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed legislation (S2344/A3970) requiring Medicaid and health insurance coverage for certain refills of prescription drugs during state of emergency.
- On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed legislation (A3969/S2392) allowing the extension of certain local government timeframes; allows local governments to accept certain payments; allows local governments to conduct certain meetings remotely; adjusts certain property tax distribution and notice requirements.
- On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed legislation (A3942/S2394) requiring hospitals to permit individuals to accompany woman during childbirth.
- On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed legislation (S2356/A3946) to provide relief for students enrolled in various state higher education financial aid programs and address the unique circumstances brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed legislation (A3966) **authorizing the sale and delivery of alcoholic beverages** by the holders of certain retail consumption licenses and concessionaire permits during the COVID-19 state of emergency.



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- Under the bill, the holder of plenary retail consumption licenses, hotel or motel licenses, seasonal retail consumption licenses, or concessionaire permits, generally issued to bars and restaurants, are permitted to sell and deliver alcoholic beverages in original containers or in closed and sealed containers and mixed cocktails in closed and sealed containers for consumption off the licensed premises during the state of emergency.
- The bill also allows craft distillery licensees to sell for consumption off the licensed premises distilled alcoholic beverages that are manufactured on the licensed premises and mixed or blended with other alcoholic or nonalcoholic beverages and sold in closed and sealed containers. Additionally, the bill allows craft distilleries to sell distilled alcoholic beverages in original containers accompanied by one or more nonalcoholic beverages or food that may be combined by the consumer to prepare a mixed drink.
- The bill expires six months following the date: (1) on which the state of emergency has ended; or (2) on which the coronavirus-related occupancy or customer seating restrictions no longer apply to the licensed premises, whichever occurs later.
- On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 145** allowing elective surgeries and invasive procedures to resume on May 26. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-145.pdf>
- On May 15, 2020, Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 144** to protect public health by mailing every registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot or application ahead of the primary election. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-144.pdf>
- On May 14, 2020, Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 143**, allowing beaches, boardwalks, lakes, and lakeshores to remain open with social distancing measures in place. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-143.pdf>
- On May 13, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed **Executive Order No. 142**, permitting the resumption of non-essential construction, curbside pickup at non-essential retail businesses, and car gatherings for the purpose of drive-through and drive-in events. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-142.pdf>



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- On May 12, 2020, Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 141**, mandating that all local, county, and regional health departments use the CommCare platform to support their contact tracing efforts. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-141.pdf>
- On May 6, 2020, Governor Murphy and Colonel Patrick Callahan announced **Administrative Order 2020-12** clarifying that recreational and entertainment activities prohibited under Executive Order No. 107 (2020) are also prohibited from taking place within the brick-and-mortar premises of essential retail businesses that are permitted to remain open. The full order can be found here:
  - [http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200506/4e/3d/83/2c/d5d09ab581c565fb38d7f515/AO\\_2020-12.pdf](http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200506/4e/3d/83/2c/d5d09ab581c565fb38d7f515/AO_2020-12.pdf)
- On May 6, 2020, Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 138**, extending all Executive Orders issued under the Governor's authority under the Emergency Health Powers Act. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-138.pdf>
- On May 5, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy and Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal announced that recent graduates of nursing, physician assistant, pharmacy, and respiratory care therapy programs who have not yet been able to take and pass their licensing exams will be granted temporary licenses.
  - <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200505a.shtml>
- On May 4, 2020, Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 137**, rescinding Executive Order No. 73 (2019), which directed the Department of the Treasury to achieve a \$1.276 billion surplus by the end of this current fiscal year recognizing the new fiscal realities due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-137.pdf>
- On May 2, 2020, **Governor Murphy signed Executive Order 136** Extending Statutory Deadlines for Various Environmental Laws. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-136.pdf>
- Governor Phil Murphy and Superintendent of the State Police Patrick Callahan today announced **Administrative Order 2020-11** declaring construction of new religious facilities or involving existing religious facilities to be essential construction projects. These projects must abide by all conditions of Executive Order No. 122. The full Administrative Order is attached to Sit Rep 95.



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- On May 1, 2020, Governor Murphy signs **Executive Order 135** suspending in-person requirements for marriages and receipt of working papers for minors. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-135.pdf>
- On April 29, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed **Executive Order No. 133** reopening state parks and golf courses, and restoring the authority of county governments to determine whether county parks will be open or closed. The order takes effect at sunrise on Saturday, May 2. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-133.pdf>
- On April 29, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed **Executive Order No. 132** allowing electronic petition submission and signature collection for initiatives and referenda. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-132.pdf>
- On April 28, 2020, Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order No. 131** creating a commission charged with advising the administration on the timing and preparation for New Jersey's recovery from the COVID-19 shutdown. The full order can be found here:
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-131.pdf>
- On April 27, 2020, Governor Murphy announced **Executive Order No. 129**, which extends Retired Officer Carry Permits.
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-129.pdf>
- On April 24, 2020 Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 128** providing critical short-term support for renters.
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-128.pdf>
- CDC guidance on Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 (Interim Guidance). This applies to First Responder Community as well.
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/return-to-work.html>
- On April 14, 2020 Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 127** extending certain deadlines associated with rulemaking.
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-127.pdf>
- On April 13, 2020 Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 126** prohibiting cable and telecommunications providers from terminating internet and voice service due to nonpayment.
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-126.pdf>





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- On April 11, 2020 Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 125** to implement additional mitigation requirements on NJ TRANSIT, private carriers, and restaurants to limit the spread of COVID-19.
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-125.pdf>
- On April 10, 2020 Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 124** to establish a process that grants temporary reprieve to certain at-risk inmates.
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-124.pdf>
- Colonel Callahan issued a letter to all licensed post-acute care health systems, hospitals and facilities regarding the **implementation of Executive Order 111**. Colonel Callahan's letter reiterates the obligations for these facilities to report their pertinent data in the NJHA portal by 10:00 p.m. daily. This information will be the basis for their receipt of PPE supplies, which State OEM will allocate in accordance with CDC guidance based upon the information reported. Facilities can report directly at:
  - <https://ppe.njha.com/account/logon?returnurl=%2f>
- On April 17, 2020 NJ OEM and the Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner opened a temporary morgue on the grounds of University Hospital in Newark to address the surge in bodies resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Information for hospitals about operations and how to transfer patients to the temporary morgues will be available at:
  - <https://nj.gov/health/me/covid19/>
- On April 11, 2020 the ROIC distributed a memo from March 18, 2020 suspending Law Enforcement Drug Testing (LEDT) due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The memo was attached to SIT REP # 49. Contact AAG Joseph Walsh at walshj@njdcj.org to discuss applicant submissions or with other questions.
  - Random drug testing is presently suspended.
  - Reasonable suspicion tests will be performed.
  - Applicant situations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- On April 11, 2020 NJ Attorney General Grewal updated **Law Enforcement Directive 2020-1** on law enforcement agencies use of COVID-19 information from public health officers.
  - [https://www.state.nj.us/lps/dcj/agguide/directives/AG\\_Directive\\_2020-1-v3.pdf](https://www.state.nj.us/lps/dcj/agguide/directives/AG_Directive_2020-1-v3.pdf)
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- On April 9, 2020 Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 123** which extended insurance premium grace periods.
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-123.pdf>
- On April 8, 2020 Governor Murphy signed **Executive Order 121** allowing greater weight limit for vehicles carrying COVID-19 relief supplies.
  - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-121.pdf>
- On April 5, 2020 the Division of Local Government Services issued a guidance document to ensure continuity of Land Use application procedures while New Jersey's Executive Order 103 and Executive Order 107 are in effect.
  - [https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/pdf/Planning Board and ZBA Remote Public Meetings Guidance.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/pdf/Planning_Board_and_ZBA_Remote_Public_Meetings_Guidance.pdf)
- On April 4, 2020 Colonel Callahan issued **Administrative Order 2020-8** allowing municipalities and counties the authority to impose additional restrictions on short-term rentals in response to COVID-19.
  - [https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200404/76/54/49/6d/782ba5a402ce762190ffdf92/AO\\_2020-8.pdf](https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200404/76/54/49/6d/782ba5a402ce762190ffdf92/AO_2020-8.pdf)
- On March 30, 2020 Colonel Callahan signed **Administrative Order 2020-6** clarifying what is an essential service or business.
  - <https://nj.gov/governor/news/ao/docs/AO2020-6.pdf>
- Further clarification on essential or non-essential businesses use following link:
  - <https://faq.business.nj.gov/en/articles/3820777-i-m-not-sure-if-my-business-needs-to-close-due-to-the-state-s-covid-19-directives-what-additional-guidance-is-there>
- On March 28, 2020 Governor Murphy announced mortgage payment relief and financial protections for New Jersey residents facing economic hardship as a result of COVID-19.
  - <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/20200328c.shtml>
- On March 26, 2020 Governor Murphy announced that President Trump has issued a "Major Disaster Declaration" for the State of New Jersey due to the COVID-19 pandemic beginning on January 20, 2020.
  - <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/20200326a.shtml>
- The State provided a reporting form for violations of Executive Order No. 107
  - <https://covid19.nj.gov/violation>



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- In a joint effort by the ROIC, NJOEM and NJOHSP, in order to combat rumors and disinformation regarding COVID-19, the COVID-19 **Rumor Control and Disinformation site** has been established and gone live. Here is a link to the website:
  - <https://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/covid19>
- The American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations during this coronavirus outbreak.
  - <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>
- The State has created a website for residents to find information and addresses concerns pertaining to COVID-19. The website can be found here:
  - <https://covid19.nj.gov/>
- On March 19, 2020 the NJDOH issued **Executive Directive 20-003** authorizing members of the Healthcare Provider Community to Conduct COVID-19 testing through Swabbing.
  - <https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/20-003%20Auth%20for%20Members%20of%20Healthcare%20to%20Conduct%20Swab%20Testing.pdf>
- NJ Department of Corrections is temporarily suspending visitation until further notice.

**I. E-TEAM / RESOURCE REQUESTS**

- NJDOH and the SEOC cannot accept E-Team requests for medicine. Requesters must continue to follow their normal supply chain and procurement procedures for these items.
- All resource requests regardless of originating agency, inclusive of health care facilities should be routed through the NJOEM E-Team Resource Request Process. This process requires requesting agencies initiate the request through their respective County OEM.

**J. GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC CLOSURES**

- Public Libraries
- All public and non-public schools
- NJ MVC Offices



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**K. DISRUPTIONS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

Listed below are any concerns related to essential services with the County:

- Law enforcement
  - No issues reported
- Fire
  - No issues reported
- EMS
  - No issues reported
- Hospitals
  - No issues reported
- Long-Term Care Facilities
  - No issues reported
- Transportation
  - No issues
- Water/wastewater
  - No issues reported
- Power
  - No issues reported
- Gas
  - No issues reported
- Telecommunications
  - No issues reported
- Fuel
  - No issues reported
- Sanitation
  - No Issues reported



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**L. COVID-19 TESTING SITE INFORMATION**

- COVID19 testing will On Monday, June 15, 2020, Essex County will transition to mobile testing that will rotate daily to different locations throughout the county.
- Screenings are for Essex County residents only who are symptomatic and asymptomatic of the Coronavirus and are by appointment only.
- Residents can register at [www.EssexCOVID.org](http://www.EssexCOVID.org), or by calling the COVID-19 Testing Call Center at 973-877-8456 if they do not have internet.
  - The call center will be open from 9am - 2pm.
  - Phone: 973-877-8456
- Starting Sunday, March 29th, the State and FEMA supported sites will operate on an alternate schedule that will be implemented in anticipation of a maximum capacity of 500 specimen collections per day. This alternating schedule will be as follows:
  - Bergen Site Operating: Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
    - Bergen Community College  
400 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652
    - No appointment, drive in only
  - Monmouth Site Operating: Monday, Wednesday, Saturday
    - PNC Bank Arts Center  
Garden State Parkway, Exit 116  
Holmdel, NJ 07733
    - No appointment, drive in only
    - On Saturdays, the Monmouth site will be dedicated to collecting samples from only symptomatic health care workers and symptomatic first responders.
- Below is a list of other locations in Essex County and those offered by the State of New Jersey where residents can be tested for COVID-19
  - American Family Care Urgent Care  
480 Pompton Avenue, Suite 6, C  
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009  
973.239.2300





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- CityMD Newark Urgent Care  
617 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102  
862-201-4596  
Walk in, no appointment
- The Doctors' Office Urgent Care of West Caldwell  
556 Passaic Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ 07006  
973-808-2273
- American Family Care Urgent Care  
464 Eagle Rock Avenue, Suite C  
West Orange, NJ 07052  
973-669-5900

**M. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

- COVID-19 fact sheet on Coordinating Public Assistance and Other Sources of Federal Funding
  - [https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1593609857750-0a9c88370c27f1391b4c907818c1b3a2/FEMA-COVID-19\\_coordinating-public-assistance-and-other-sources-of-federal-funding\\_07-01-2020.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1593609857750-0a9c88370c27f1391b4c907818c1b3a2/FEMA-COVID-19_coordinating-public-assistance-and-other-sources-of-federal-funding_07-01-2020.pdf)
- FEMA created a guidance fact sheet addressing PPE Needs in Non-Healthcare settings.
  - <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/04/22/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-addressing-ppe-needs-non-healthcare-setting>
- The CDC created an interim guidance for implementing safety practices for critical infrastructure workers who may have been exposed to a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html>
- The CDC developed a Decontamination and Reuse of Filtering Facepiece Respirators Guide that can be found here:
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/decontamination-reuse-respirators.html>



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- OSHA Expanded Temporary Enforcement Guidance on Respiratory Protection Fit-Testing for N95 filtering face pieces in all industries during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic.
  - <https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-04-08/expanded-temporary-enforcement-guidance-respiratory-protection-fit-testing-n95>
- US Senator Cory Booker today sent out a, “Coronavirus Pandemic Resource Guide for New Jerseyans”. The resource guide can be found here:
  - [Coronavirus Pandemic Federal Resource Guide](#)
- The FDA developed a FAQs fact sheet on the Shortages of Surgical Masks and Gowns. This document can be found here:
  - <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/personal-protective-equipment-infection-control/faqs-shortages-surgical-masks-and-gowns>
- Donning and Doffing PPE: This 11 minute video covers the step-by-step donning and doffing of PPE. It was developed by the Nebraska Medical Center following guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This is accessible on YouTube on any device connected to the internet.
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxdaSeq4EVU>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/correction-detention/guidance-correctional-detention.html>
- The NJ Communicable Disease Service has issued guidance specific to healthcare personnel and COVID-19 response. This document can be found here:
  - [https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_professionals.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_professionals.shtml)
- The US Department of Homeland Security has created a federal definition of an “Essential Critical Infrastructure Worker.”
  - <https://www.dhs.gov/coronavirus/cybersecurity-and-critical-infrastructure>
- President Trump declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (the “Stafford Act). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President’s action, FEMA has been directed to assist state and local governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public. Specific information concerning this declaration can be found here:
  - <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/13/covid-19-emergency-declaration>



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- CDC [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)
- NJDOE <https://www.nj.gov/education/topics/index.shtml>
- The New Jersey Department of Education has released a checklist for emergency preparedness plans for school.
  - <https://www.nj.gov/education/topics/NJDOE%20Checklist%20for%20Emergency%20Preparedness%20Plans.pdf>
- NJDOH <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>
- NJPIES 1-800-222-1222
- CDC Guidance for first responders and PSAPs
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-for-ems.html>
- CDC Guidance for extended use and reuse of PPE
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/hcwcontrols/recommendedguidanceextuse.html>
- CDC Guidance for Law Enforcement
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/guidance-law-enforcement.pdf>
- State of New Jersey Emergency Medical Dispatch Guide cards
  - <https://www.nj.gov/911/home/highlights/EMD%20Guidecards%202020%20Final.pdf>
- COVID 19 Temporary Enforcement Guidance for Fit Testing
  - <https://www.nj.gov/health/workplacehealthandsafety/documents/peosh/COVID%2019%20Temporary%20Enforcement%20Guidance-Fit%20Testing.pdf>
- World-Wide Virus Statistics
  - <https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>