



New Jersey Office of Emergency Management

State Emergency Operations Center

COVID-19 Event

Situation Report #3

March 13, 2020

0900 hours

A. Current Synopsis:

- The Governor issued Executive Order 103 Declaring a State of Emergency. Please read here <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-103.pdf>
- The State Corona Virus Task Force continues to lead the COVID-19 response.
- The State Emergency Operations Center, (609) 963-6900 daily hours and levels are listed below:
 - 0800 and 1600 hours, Full Activation Level 1- contact SEOC at Ext 2.
 - 1600 and 0800 hours, Enhanced Monitoring Level 3-contact IWW at Ext 1.
- Governor Murphy is recommending cancelling all public gatherings of 250 people or more.
- As of March 12, 2020 at 1600hrs, 226 school districts have closed, 198 are for professional development and staff training, 13 are for precautionary cleaning, 10 are concerned about potential exposure for COVID-19, 4 have confirmed cases and 1 has a student and or faculty member confirmed case.
<https://www.nj.gov/education/topics/index.shtml>
- Hackensack Meridian Health Bayshore Medical Center is going to “DIVERT” for as they are operating at minimal staffing. There are currently 116 hospital employees undergoing testing for precautionary reasons in regard to the COVID-19 situation and those results will not be back until around 1500hrs today, March 13, 2020.
- Officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have announced that China, Iran, South Korea, and several countries in Europe are experiencing widespread sustained transmission of respiratory illness caused by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and have placed these countries to Warning - Level 3. Please be advised that all employees who are returning from the China, Iran, South Korea and the following European countries will be required to stay home for the recommended 14 days and monitor their health in the interest of their safety and the safety of their coworkers: Belgium, Iceland, Poland, Vatican City, Czech Republic, Italy, Portugal, Denmark, Latvia, Slovakia, Estonia, Liechtenstein, Slovenia, Finland, Lithuania, Spain, Austria, Hungary, Norway, San Marino, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Germany, Malta, Switzerland, Greece, Netherlands and Monaco.
- Port Authority of NY & NJ continues to monitor incoming international and domestic flights. Currently there are no issues or delays at Port Authority facilities.



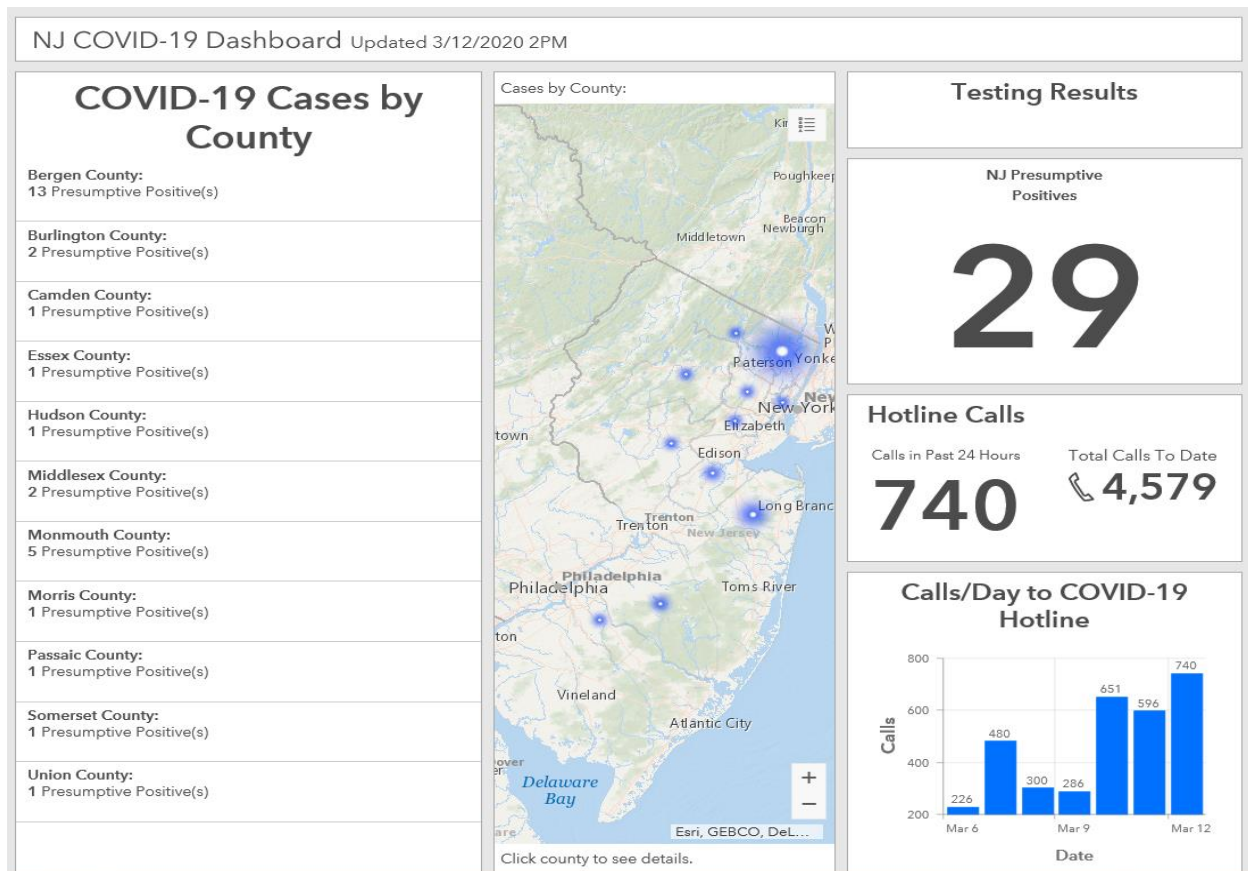
B. Virus Statistics

	Total Cases	Recovered	Total Deaths
Worldwide	134,700	69,607	4,973
United States	1,701	12	9
New Jersey	29	0	1

Source: Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, as of 3/13/20 0800hrs

NJDOH New Jersey numbers have not been updated since 1400hrs as of 3/12/2020.

The following are the positively confirmed COVID-19 cases per New Jersey counties:



- As per NJDOH, for current COVID-19 cases please see the following link:
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml



C. ESF Activities

- ESFs represented at the SEOC or monitoring remotely are shaded below:

ESF 1	ESF 2	ESF 3	ESF 4	ESF 5
ESF 6	ESF 7	ESF 8	ESF 9	ESF 10
ESF 11	ESF 12	ESF 13	ESF 14	ESF 15

- ESF Summaries

- NJDEP (ESF#10 – Hazardous Materials) DEP programs are coordinating with our ESF#3 and ESF#10 stakeholders and federal/state/county/local partners: Sharing information via email and conducting weekly conference calls and video-conferences. Following up to identify and provide appropriate sector-specific guidance as requested. This applies to the following facilities: Water/Wastewater Systems, Dams, Chemical & Hazardous Materials, Petroleum, Nuclear, Radiological, Solid & Hazardous Waste.

- NJ TRANSIT's (ESF #1 - Transportation) Internal task force is meeting regularly, sharing the most up-to-date information obtained from state and federal health officials and continue to coordinate with the state's Coronavirus Task Force. NJ TRANSIT Rail, Bus, Light Rail and Access Link will enhance current cleaning procedures to augment daily current practices and additional disinfection regimens.

NJ TRANSIT created the website "COVID-19: HOW WE'RE PROTECTING YOU" to proactively inform their customers. The website includes a frequently asked questions section that addresses specific issues and situations.

- NJ BPU (ESF #12 - Energy) PSE&G has instructed 1,500 employees to work from home until further notice. BPU and PSE&G management discussed the legal ramifications of asking customers health questions before entering private homes. BPU Emergency Management personnel are meeting with the natural gas utilities today to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on the industry. Thus far COVID-19 has had no significant impact on the delivery of services in the lifeline sectors.
- NJ DOC (ESF 13 - Public Safety & Security) is advising that all employees and inmates entering state correctional facilities are being screened.



- NJ OEM (ESF 15- External Communications) is coordinating with the Governor's Office PIO and is engaged with social media.

D. Status of other Sectors

- Numerous school districts and institutions of higher learning have canceled classes.
- Labor/civil service
 - Guidelines and FAQs for state employees
<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200310c.shtml>

E. County Activities

- Activated County EOCs are shaded below:

Atlantic	Bergen	Burlington	Camden	Cape May	Cumberland	Essex
Gloucester	Hudson	Hunterdon	Mercer	Middlesex	Monmouth	Morris
Ocean	Passaic	Salem	Somerset	Sussex	Union	Warren

- Counties that have declared a State of Emergency are shaded below:

Atlantic	Bergen	Burlington	Camden	Cape May	Cumberland	Essex
Gloucester	Hudson	Hunterdon	Mercer	Middlesex	Monmouth	Morris
Ocean	Passaic	Salem	Somerset	Sussex	Union	Warren

F. State agency EOC activations

- NJDOC activated their EOC at 0530hrs.
- NJDEP activated their EOC at 0800hrs.
- NJTRANSIT activated their EOC at 0800hrs.
- Port Authority of NY & NJ activated their EOC as of 0900hrs. They will monitor remotely for the weekend.

G. Planned meetings, calls, press conferences

- NJOEM will be hosting an emergency management conference call today for county coordinator's and SEMPS partners, March 13, 2020 at 1100hrs reference COVID-19.



H. NJOEM Precautionary Actions Taken

- Cancelled training and non-Coronavirus related meetings at the ROIC. March SEMPS and county coordinator's meetings will be virtual. Test of VTC will be at 0930hrs today, March 13, 2020 for SEMPS. Additional details will be disseminated.
- Instituted restrictions on building access and increased sanitation practices.

I. Resources

- Only health care facilities should make resource requests for PPE directly through NJDOH. NJDOH will be providing health care facilities PPE from Health & Human Services – Strategic National Stockpile.
- All other resource requests must go through County OEMs to New Jersey OEM. Follow normal procedures for requesting resources through E Team.

J. Financial/Administrative Guidance

- All state, county and municipal agencies are encouraged to capture all time and expenses accrued in relation to planning, prevention, response and recovery efforts.

K. Other sources of information

- CDC www.cdc.gov/COVID19
- 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>
- State of New Jersey Emergency Medical Dispatch Guide cards
<https://www.nj.gov/911/home/highlights/EMD%20Guidecards%202020%20Final.pdf>