



***New Jersey Office of Emergency Management***

***State Emergency Operations Center***

**COVID-19 Event**

**Situation Report #4**

**March 14, 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>
- 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>
- 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 continues to recommend cancelling all public gatherings of 250 people or more.
- As of March 13, 2020 at 1600hrs, 400 school districts have closed, 148 are for professional development and staff training, 15 are for precautionary cleaning, 154 are concerned about potential exposure for COVID-19, 80 have confirmed exposure within the school community and 3 have student, faculty or staff with presumptive or confirmed positive cases. <https://www.nj.gov/education/topics/index.shtml>
- The New Jersey Department of Education (DOE) has released a checklist for emergency preparedness plans for schools. The guidance can be located at: <https://www.nj.gov/education/topics/NJDOE%20Checklist%20for%20Emergency%20Preparedness%20Plans.pdf>



- 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.

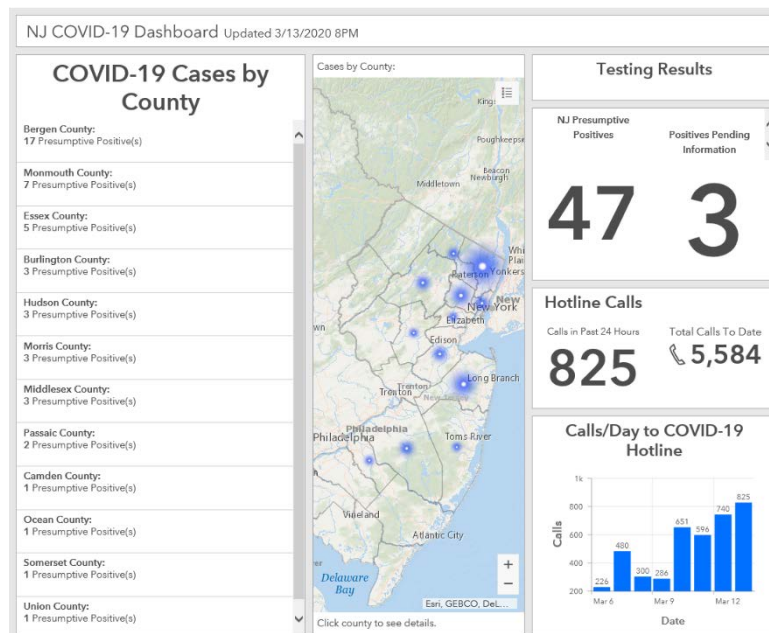
## B. Virus Statistics

	Total Cases	Recovered	Total Deaths
Worldwide	147,653	71,714	5,537
United States	2,174	12	47
New Jersey	50	0	1

Source: Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, as of 3/14/20 0800hrs

NJDOH New Jersey numbers have not been updated since 2000hrs as of 3/13/2020.

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](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
  - ESF #1 - Transportation - NJ Transit has launched a dedicate web page offering a centralized location to highlight the many initiatives the agency has undertaken to protect customers and employees against COVID-19. The web page, [njtransit.com/COVID19](http://njtransit.com/COVID19), is available on both desktop and through the mobile app. In addition to outlining the steps the agency has taken, the website also includes a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section. Posters reminding customers of best-practices to prevent the spread of germs will be appearing on NJ TRANSIT vehicles throughout the system in the coming days. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) has launched a dedicated web page concerning their response to COVID-19 and can be located here: <https://www.panynj.gov/port-authority/en/alerts/coronavirus-updates.html>
  - ESF#7 Resource Support – the probability of CERT activations remains high. Potential activations include but are not limited to staffing local OEMs (fielding 211 calls) and additional responsibilities to include food deliveries for those who are homebound. All county CERT groups have been notified through the county contacts and have advised them to begin making the appropriate preparations.
  - ESF#8 NJDOH - Daily information and guidance regarding COVID-19 has been sent to County and Local Public Health Offices via the NJLINCS HEALTH ALERT NETWORK. OEM and Public Health are strongly encourage to communicate and coordinate efforts. NJDOH and the NJ Hospital Association are communicating with and encouraging healthcare facilities to communicate with and coordinate efforts with their respective County and Local OEM. ESF8 continues to coordinate response efforts with their respective SEMPS partners from information, guidance and resources as they arise. Guidance on PPE use, handling of decedent remains and other emerging issues continue to be distributed. The guidance can be found here: <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html#deathcare> NJDOH is stressing that individuals with NO symptoms are not recommended



to be tested. Individuals with MILD symptoms should stay home if they are sick and follow the guidance of their healthcare provider

- ESF 13 - Public Safety & Security - NJDOC is advising that all employees and inmates entering state correctional facilities are being screened.
- ESF 15- External Communications (NJOEM) 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 and are monitoring remotely.
- 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 a County OEM conference call to discuss meal delivery plans for school children at 1000hrs today, Saturday, March 14, 2020.

#### **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. A test of VTC was completed at 0930hrs on March 13, 2020 for SEMPS.
- Instituted restrictions on building access and increased sanitation practices.

#### **I. Resources**

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

#### **J. Financial/Administrative Guidance**

- All state, county and municipal agencies must be capturing all time and expenses accrued in relation to planning, prevention, response and recovery efforts.

#### **K. Other sources of information**

- CDC [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://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>