



***New Jersey Office of Emergency Management
State Emergency Operations Center***

**COVID-19 Event
Situation Report #11
March 21, 2020
1200 hours**

A. Current Synopsis:

- Bergen County Mobile Testing Site as of 1130hrs is finished processing for the day with 250 people tested.
- Additional facilities are added to the list of facilities closed to members of the public in accordance with paragraph 7 of Executive Order No. 104 (2020).
 - All municipal, county and State public libraries, and all libraries and computer labs at public and private colleges and universities.
 - This ORDER shall take effect immediately, and the facilities listed above are ORDERED closed to members of the public effective at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020. These facilities shall remain closed to the public for as long as Executive Order No. 104 (2020) remains in effect.
- NJOEM continues planning with NJNG and NJDOH to open the Monmouth County Mobile Test Site on March 23, 2020.
- Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 106 on March 19, 2020 enacted a Moratorium on Removals of Individuals Due to Evictions or Foreclosures
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-106.pdf>
- Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 105 on March 19, 2020 implemented changes to upcoming elections.
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-105.pdf>
- Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 104 on March 16, 2020 to mitigate further spread of COVID-19 in New Jersey along with further directives found here
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200316c.shtml>
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200317a.shtml>
- OSHA's Rule Relaxation For Fit Testing and Use of Expired Respirators (N95's)
https://www.nj.gov/health/workplacehealthandsafety/documents/peosh/covid19resp_faqs.pdf
- There is no travel ban on NJ roadways. The Governor requested that people stay off the roads during the COVID-19 emergency from 2000hrs through 0500hrs.
- The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), (609) 963-6900 daily hours and levels are listed below:
 - 0800hrs and 1800hrs, Full Activation Level 1- contact SEOC at Ext 2.
 - 1800hrs and 0800hrs, Enhanced Monitoring Level 3-contact IWW at Ext 1.

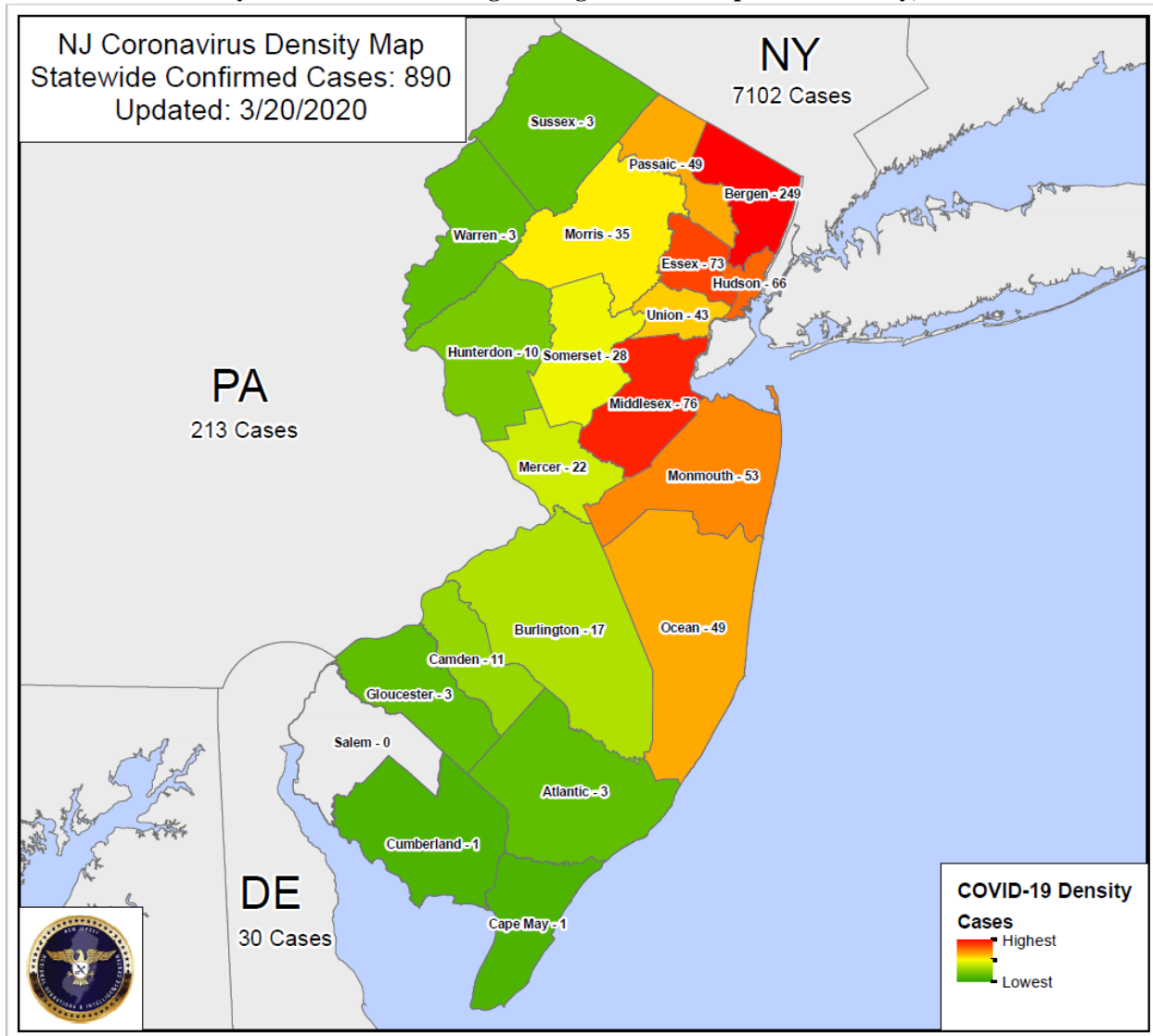


B. Virus Statistics

<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

	Total Cases	Recovered	Total Deaths
Worldwide	286,932	89,899	11,906
United States	19,624	147	260
New Jersey	890	1	11

Source: Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, as of 3/21/20 1115hrs



- NJDOH data specific for New Jersey are located at the following link
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml



C. ESF Activities

All ESFs are represented at the SEOC.

- ESF Summaries

- ESF #1 Transportation - NJ Transit will update information at the following link; [njtransit.com/COVID19](https://www.njtransit.com/COVID19)
 - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) will update information at the following link; <https://www.panynj.gov/port-authority/en/alerts/coronavirus-updates.html>.
 - The FMCSA National Declaration of Emergency has been expanded to cover more relief efforts in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Under the emergency declaration, motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance in support of relief efforts related to the COVID-19 outbreak are not required to comply with Parts 390 through 399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. The list of products and services eligible for the exemption was expanded on Wednesday, March 18.
<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/newsroom/us-department-transportation-expands-national-emergency-declaration-commercial-vehicles>
<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/expanded-emergency-declaration-under-49-cfr-ss-39023-no-2020-002>
- ESF #3 Public Works & Engineering / ESF #10 Hazardous Materials - NJDEP continues to monitor COVID-19 situation updates and coordinate with NJESF-3 and NJESF-10 stakeholders and partners. The Water & Wastewater, Dams, Chemical & Hazardous Materials, Petroleum, Nuclear, Radiological, Solid & Hazardous Waste sectors/facilities continue to protect their operations. Conference calls are being conducted this week. Main concerns center around staffing, supply chain shortages, and exemptions for essential personnel/services in areas with travel restrictions that could impact their abilities to ensure continuous services, adequate personal protective equipment critical for worker protection, and permit compliance. Note: At this time, state parks, forests, recreation areas, and wildlife management areas remain OPEN to the public. State parks, forests, recreation areas, and wildlife management areas are open for passive recreation with social distancing. However, to protect public health and safety due to the spread of COVID-19, the NJDEP has closed all park facilities (restrooms, offices, nature centers, historic buildings), canceled all events, and canceled all camping reservations through Thursday, April 30. Entry fees normally collected by state parks will be waived. Refunds will be issued and events rescheduled at the appropriate time. For updates: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests>



- ESF #6 Mass Care – DHS Commissioner Carole Johnson today outlined steps the Department has taken to assist and to protect residents. Information at the following link;
<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/press/2020/approved/20200318b.html>
- ESF #7 Resource Support –ESF 7 Volunteer manpower is available. If manpower is needed for jobs that can be done safely given the social distancing concerns, VOAD may be able to match the volunteers to assist. They are also coordinating Private Sector donations, volunteer management, and Disability Access Functional Needs outreach through the Counties. County CERT groups have been notified through the county contacts and they have been advised to begin making the appropriate preparations.
 - Resource Management Section is processing resource requests from counties – the number of resources coming daily has slowed down in the past couple of days
 - A few resource requests have been sent to FEMA for processing
 - The Department of Treasury is providing requestors with vendor information for them to be able to purchase supplies on their own
 - The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is filling some DOH requests for manpower and supplies to assist with testing sites.
- ESF #8 NJDOH -
 - NJ 2-1-1 is live. Residents can also text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211. This will increase call capacity and reduce wait time
 - March 20 through March 21 2-1-1 received **1,438** calls
 - Text “NJCOVID” to 898211 received **43,380** enrollments
 - NJPIES received **436** calls March 20, 2020 with a total to date **10,049**
 - Communicable Disease Service (CDS) is accepting COVID-19 calls from local health departments, health care providers, and medical facility staff. During regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm, call (609) 826-5964. After hours and weekends, please call (609) 392-2020
 - COVID-19 Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures
 - <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/19/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-eligible-emergency-protective-measures>
 - COVID-19 Temporary Enforcement Guidance for Fit Testing
<https://www.nj.gov/health/workplacehealthandsafety/documents/peosh/COVID%2019%20Temporary%20Enforcement%20Guidance-Fit%20Testing.pdf>
- ESF #12 – NJBPU – BPU remains in constant contact with the utility sector. Some utilities have ceased entering private homes for service calls.



- ESF #13 - Public Safety & Security - New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) is temporarily suspending visits for the next 30 days, effective March 14, 2020 at 1700hrs, to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
- ESF #15 - External Communications and Intergovernmental Relations (NJOEM) is coordinating with the Governor's Office PIO and is engaged with social media.

D. Status of other Sectors

- 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:

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In addition to the above listed counties who have declared, multiple municipalities have also declared a State of Emergency.

F. State agency EOC activations

- NJ DEP EOC activated.
- Port Authority of NY & NJ EOC is at a Level 2 activation 0900-1700hrs.
- NJ Transit EOC is activated.

G. Planned meetings, calls, press conference

1300hrs Governor's Press Briefing.

H. Resources

- All State bid vendors are out of stock or back-ordered on all masks and hand sanitizer.
- Other items like cleaning products, gloves, and eye protections can still be ordered from vendors.



- For specific procurement guidance from Treasury, refer to memo sent from the NJEOC on March 15th at 1557hrs
 - All resource requests must go through County OEMs to NJOEM. Follow normal procedures for requesting resources through E Team.
 - For PPE Requests, please enter the following in the Block - "Tracking Number - State"
 - PPE - Health (Health can submit in bulk)
 - PPE - Non-Health (Each item needs to be submitted separately)
 - For Non-Health Care facility related resource requests, the requests must be broken down into separate requests. For example, masks and gloves will go on 2 separate resource requests in ETEAM.
 - Please source Household Commodity resources such as bleach, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes etc. through your own channels.
 - No food, water, or office supply requests.
 - Please enter an actual quantity of items needed (not cases, boxes, etc.)
- NJDOH is providing health care facilities PPE from Health & Human Services – Strategic National Stockpile.

I. Other sources of information

- 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) as the lead federal agency for the COVID-19 response. As a result, 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>
- DOD at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst has declared a public health emergency at the base.
- One (1) symptomatic male passenger from an Air Portugal flight (EWR) was transported to University Hospital.
- False Text Messages Part of Larger COVID-19 Disinformation Campaign <https://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/analysis/false-text-messages-part-of-larger-covid-19-disinformation-campaign>
- CDC 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’s. <https://www.nj.gov/education/topics/NJDOE%20Checklist%20for%20Emergency%20Preparedness%20Plans.pdf>
- NJDOH <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>



- 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>
- All New Jersey MVCs will be closed until March 30, 2020.
 - The MVC will grant a two-month extension for driver licenses, registrations, and inspection stickers scheduled to expire in March, April, and May. Details can be found at the following link;
<https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/press/archives/2020/031320.htm>