



***New Jersey Office of Emergency Management
State Emergency Operations Center
COVID-19 Event
Situation Report #26
April 5, 2020
1200 hours***

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.

A. Current Information:

- AO-08 allows municipalities and counties to impose additional restrictions in response to COVID-19 on the ability of hotels, motels, guest houses, or private residences, or parts thereof, to accept new transient guests or seasonal tenants.
http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200404/76/54/49/6d/782ba5a402ce762190ffdf92/AO_2020-8.pdf
- EO-113 Governor Murphy signs Executive Order authorizing commandeering of property such as medical supplies.
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-113.pdf>
- AO-06 further clarification on essential businesses
http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200330/49/ef/6b/66/911f57575b4616fb2dd79d8a/AO2020-6_signed.pdf
- New Jersey extends State tax deadline from April 15 to July 15, 2020. Additionally, the State Fiscal year will be extended till September 30.
- CDC issues Domestic Travel Advisory for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut
<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s038-travel-advisory.html>
- 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>
- For EO-109 business inventory requirements and any donations use following link
<https://covid19.nj.gov/ppedonations>
- Social distancing guidance for essential retail businesses.
https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/Social_Distancing_Guidance_for_Essential_Retail_Business.pdf
- President Donald J. Trump issued a Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4488-DR-NJ on March 25th for the State of New Jersey. The declaration will provide federal assistance to supplement statewide recovery efforts affected by the COVID-19 pandemic beginning on January 20, 2020.
- Executive Order No. 107 Violation Reporting form.
<https://covid19.nj.gov/violation>



- 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.

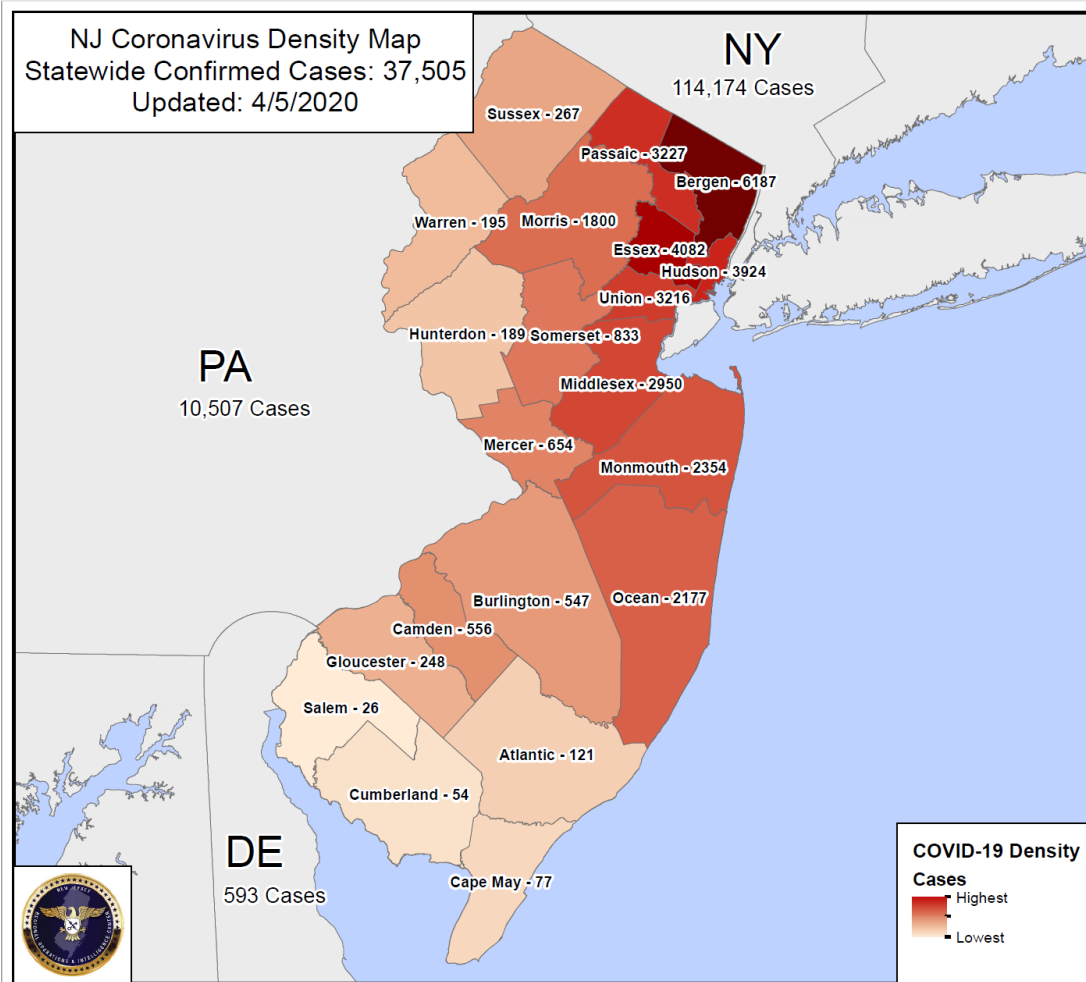
<https://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/covid19>

- 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

B. Virus Statistics

Source: Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, as of 4/5/20 1130hrs
<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

	Total Cases	Recovered	Total Deaths
Worldwide	1,225,360	252,615	66,542
United States	312,249	15,021	8,503
New Jersey	37,505	Not Reported	917



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



C. Field Medical Stations

- Edison Field Medical Station (FMS) is currently undergoing the build out phase.
- Secaucus Field Medical Station (FMS) is currently staffed by nine (9) NJ-AHIMT, four (4) NJ National Guard, two (2) NJSP personnel, as well as Expo Staff and contractors. Build out is complete and the FMS should go operational as early as Monday April 6, 2020.

D. Regional Mobile Morgue Sites

- Currently, the Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner Office is coordinating with multiple partners including NJOEM, NJ DOH, FEMA and others to support a strategy to address the surge in bodies resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Mobile Refrigerator Trailers are on order (April 10th partial delivery of 5 trailers expected)
 - 20 trailers ordered
 - 1,600 total capacity
- (3) Mortuary Sites:
 - North - University Hospital, Newark
 - Central - Middlesex County Fire Academy, Sayreville
 - South – TBD
- Body bags for these sites will be procured through normal channels of procurement. That may be through the county medical examiner's office or the hospitals

E. Community Based Test Sites

- Starting Sunday, March 29th, an alternate schedule 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 4/5, Tuesday 4/7, Thursday 4/8 & Friday 4/9
 - Monmouth Site Operating: Monday 4/6, Wednesday 4/8 & Saturday 4/11
- Commencing next Saturday April 4th, and all Saturdays moving forward, the Monmouth site will be dedicated to collecting samples from only symptomatic health care workers and symptomatic first responders. Until further notice this will be the alternating weekly schedule.
- Bergen County Mobile Testing Site opened today at 0800hrs to symptomatic individuals.
- Monmouth County Mobile Testing Site is closed today.

F. 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)
 - There is no travel ban on NJ roadways. The Governor requested that people stay off the roads during the COVID-19 emergency unless they are providing or seeking to obtain essential services or supplies.



- New Jersey to New York, NY Waterway ferry service is suspended until further notice.
<https://www.nywaterway.com/AdvisoryDetails.aspx?aid=655>
- Amtrak implemented major service adjustments
<https://www.amtrak.com/alert/service-adjustments-due-to-coronavirus.html>
- NJ Transit updated schedules are available at the following link;
https://www.njtransit.com/hp/hp_servlet.srv?hdnPageAction=HomePageTo
- 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>
- Newark Airport anticipated 5 targeted flights and a total of 145 passengers for screening on April 5.
- FMCSA has issued a three-month waiver in response to the COVID-19 Emergency for States and Commercial Learners Permit (CLP) holders operating commercial motor vehicles. The waiver allows a commercial learner permit driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle alone without having a commercial driver license (CDL) holder in the front seat with the learner permit holder. The benefit of this waiver will allow CLP drivers to continue their training, due to the closures of state departments of motor vehicle facilities.
<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/three-month-waiver-response-covid-19-emergency-states-and-clp-holders-operating>
- The FMCSA has extended specific waivers for expired Commercial Driver's License (CDL), Commercial Learners Permit (CLP), Non-Commercial Driver's License (Non-CDL), and Driver Medical Examiner Certifications until June 30, 2020.
- There are prerequisites to meet the waivers which are very specific for each license and medical card listed above. The details are listed in link attached below. The documents listed are the waivers and proper enforcement or more specifically the no enforcement to be taken on expired CDL's, CLP's and Non-CDL's and lists the waivers for expired medical cards, skills tests, and also lists, towards the end of the document, what does not apply to.
<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/fmcsa-cdl-waiver-32420>
<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/2020-03/FMCSA%20CDL%20Waiver-3.24.20.pdf>
- 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.
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- Note: State parks, forests, recreation areas, and wildlife management areas remain OPEN to the public 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, playgrounds, shooting/target ranges, golf courses), canceled all events and camping reservations through Thursday, April 30. For updates: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests>.
- ESF #6 Mass Care – DHS Commissioner Carole Johnson 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>
 - Working with NJOEM resource Unit on PPE Requests and Delivery. Shipments will be going to Hunterdon Developmental Center and New Lisbon Developmental Center of Masks and Gloves on Monday.
 - NJOEM Team formed a Non-Congregate Shelter Task Force to work on solutions to house the homeless that may have signs and symptoms of illness when they arrive at a homeless shelter. NJDHS is a part of this team that consists of NJOEM, FEMA, NJDOH, and NJDCF personnel. NJOEM and Task Force crafted a general Statewide letter to FEMA R2. Engaged in discussion with hotel group that may be able to support this initiative
 - Continue to explore additional facilities for future quarantine of Developmental Centers/ Group Home clients, if needed. Operations here will also depend on policy and contractual issues
 - Ensuring vulnerable populations are taken care of during this event. Coordinating with our County OEMs and other partners to identify impacted vulnerable populations and define an approach to conducting wellness checks on them, utilizing Register Ready and other sources of data. NJDHS Divisions are working closely with our Providers and those engaged with the vulnerable populations in order to get a sense of the numbers that will need continued services or wellness checks. Delivery of food may be required as well as support for transportation of dialysis patients. NJ GAINED conference call tomorrow
 - Red Cross ERV supporting feeding operations at Bergen County College with their ERV serving as a distribution point for food items. BCC mission may end April 10th. We are asking that local food vendors be utilized to support future feeding operations across the State in order to support that community during this time of crisis if feeding is needed
 - Coordinate Volunteer support through Governor's Office of Volunteerism, NJVOAD, State VAL to support volunteer opportunities across the State. The Community Foodbank of NJ has been using some volunteers from Team Rubicon, Civil Air Patrol and members of the Mason's to support putting together food boxes. Director Maples of OHSP emailed the Interfaith Advisory



Council to assist with volunteer opportunities and other activities around the state.

- ESF #7 Resource Support - ESF 7 volunteer manpower is available. If manpower is needed for tasks that can be done safely given the social distancing concerns, VOAD may be able to match the volunteers to assist.
 - NJVOAD has updated <http://helpnjnow.org> website to accept direct cash donations for NJ Pandemic Relief Fund and other NJ organizations addressing our needs.
 - Build out of bulk purchasing, warehouse and distribution management
 - The Department of Treasury is providing requestors with vendor information for them to be able to purchase supplies on their own.
 - Continuing private sector outreach, continuing to work on volunteer management procedures, and assigning E-Team requests for PPE under NJOEM in ESF 7.
- 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.
 - April 3 through April 4, 2-1-1 received **287** calls. Since March 18, a total of **11,797** calls have been received.
 - Text “NJCOVID” to 898211 received **116,297** enrollments to date
 - NJPIES received **381** calls April 4, 2020 with a total to date **17,608**
 - 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.

G. Status of other Sectors

- Labor/Civil Service
 - Guidelines and FAQs for state employees
<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200310c.shtml>



H. County Activities

- All County EOCs are Activated.

I. State agency EOC activations

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

J. Planned meetings, calls, press conference

- Nothing planned for today

K. Resource Management

- Resource Management Section is processing resource requests from counties –
The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is filling some DOH requests for manpower and supplies to assist with testing sites.
- Sixteen (16) Resource Request Forms have been sent to FEMA for processing.
- Build out of bulk purchasing as well as warehouse and distribution management.
- No resource requests for medicine are to be accepted or entered into ETEAM.
- When an agency is submitting a resource request via ETEAM, please ensure that the requesting agency is listing their organization in the “Requesting Organization” field (i.e. XXXXX County, New Jersey Department of XXXXXX, etc.). For all County OEM Agencies, please add a summary note in the “Summary of Actions Taken” whether the County Agency can or cannot fill the request and why it cannot be filled (i.e. All vendors have been contacted, vendors cannot meet the request and that you have advised the requester they should continue to reach out to their vendors).
- Additionally, please include the timeline of “When Needed” and “Quantity of Unit of Measure” filled in (i.e. 1,000 nitrile gloves or 250 N95 masks, etc.).
- 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

L. Other sources of information

- New Jersey Executive Orders
https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/approved/eo_archive.html
- New Jersey Administrative Orders
https://nj.gov/governor/news/ao/approved/ao_archive.shtml
- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest federal disaster Loans
<https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/nj/newark/about-us>
<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>
- COVID-19/Novel Coronavirus Information for New Jersey Businesses
<http://cv.business.nj.gov>
- FEMA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response web page
<https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus>
- CDC www.cdc.gov/COVID19
- NJDOE <https://www.nj.gov/education/topics/index.shtml>
- 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>
- Please utilize the link below to be directed to a spreadsheet published on the New Jersey Department of Children and Families website. It lists, by County, all of the current childcare facilities that have been certified to care for the children of essential employees in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order #110.
https://www.nj.gov/dcf/coronavirus_licensedchildcare.html
- All New Jersey MVCs will be closed until April 12, 2020. 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/>