

NJ Coronavirus 5.7.20

General

- **Presumptive Positive- 133,635**
- **Deaths- 8,801**
- ***Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)***
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- **May 7- Press Event**
 - o Department of Human Services availed its Medicaid transportation provider to assist in getting COVID-positive residents at our long-term care facilities both to and from a hospital
 - o Department of Labor has received more than one million claims. Sent out 1.9 billion in unemployment assistance
 - o Rite Aid will be opening appointment-only COVID-19 testing operations at 11 or more locations across NJ
 - As more of these sites come online, they will be added to list of publicly available testing sites at <http://covid19.nj.gov/testing>.
 - o Thanked corporate partners for PPE and other needed materials
 - Verizon, Bristol Meyers Squibb, Amazon
- **May 7-** Beaches, construction sites, curbside businesses may be next to reopen, Murphy says <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/05/beaches-construction-sites-curbside-businesses-may-be-next-to-reopen-murphy-says.html>
- **May 6-** AO 2020-12 Murphy announces clarifications on recreational and entertainment activity at essential retail businesses and schools
http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200506/4e/3d/83/2c/d5d09ab581c565fb38d7f515/AO_2020-12.pdf

Department of Labor

- **NJ unemployment payouts approach \$2B** <https://www.insidernj.com/njdol-nj-unemployment-payouts-approach-2b/>

Department of Human Services

- **May 7- Certificate of Waiver of Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare and Division of Aging services Prescription Drug Signature Requirement**
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/DHS%20Prescription%20Drug%20Waiver.pdf>
- **May 7- DDD Weekly COVID-19 Webinar**
<https://www.gotostage.com/channel/211b7cb644834745a4e4d38e3b4bad2f/recording/d3886f86a1ac4906aec641db4789cc1c/watch>

Office of Attorney General

May 7- Proposed Regulation- State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning, and Registration contractors NEWARK – The State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors has proposed amendments to implement P.L. 2018, c. 99, which revised standards for apprenticeship programs for master heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVACR) contractors. The proposed amendments revise definitions in the regulations and education requirements for licensure to conform to P.L. 2018, c. 99. The rule recognizes that steamfitter, pipefitter, and sheet metal apprenticeship programs satisfy the HVACR apprenticeship program requirement. The proposed amendments also revise the definitions of “master heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigeration contractor” and “HVACR journey person” to require contractors and journey persons to study and perform the majority of the practice included in the statutory definition of “HVACR.” <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Proposals/Pages/hvacr-050420-proposal.aspx>

Articles

- **May 7- Nonpartisan OLS Opinion Addresses Borrowing For COVID-19 Response** <https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/05/nonpartisan-ols-opinion-addresses-borrowing-for-covid-19-response/>
- **May 7- NJ Gets 2.1m from EPA for cleanup, redevelopment of major polluted sites** <https://njbiz.com/welcome-ad/?retUrl=/nj-gets-2-1m-epa-cleanup-redevelopment-major-polluted-sites/>
- **May 7- Six Flags will require reservations for park visits** <https://patch.com/new-jersey/brick/six-flags-will-require-reservations-park-visits>

NJ Coronavirus 5.6.20

General

- **Presumptive Positive- 131,890**
- **Deaths- 8,549**
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Governor

- **May 6- Press Event** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFBn_rQy_M8
 - o **EO extending executive order to extend public health emergency by 30 days**

State Legislature

- **May 6- Sweeney: we need more info on Governor’s borrowing plan** <https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/05/sweeney-we-need-more-info-on-governors-borrowing-plan/>
- **May 6- Sweeney: my plan for federal help for NJ Pensions wouldn’t be a bailout** <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/05/my-plan-for-federal-help-for-nj-pensions-wouldnt-be-a-bailout-sweeney-says.html>
- **May 6- Gopal and Jimenez introduce bill to address insurance audits and claims payment for health care providers during pandemic** <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/gopal->

[jimenez-introduce-bill-address-insurance-audits-claims-payment-health-care-providers-pandemic/](#)

- **May 6- Singleton: Use stimulus money to provide hazard pay bonuses for essential workers**
<https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/singleton-use-stimulus-money-provide-hazard-pay-bonuses-essential-workers/>

Department of Treasury

- **May 6- State Affairs examines the impact of COVID-19 on NJ Budget with NJ State Treasurer**
<https://www.insidernj.com/state-affairs-examines-impact-covid-19-new-jerseys-budget/>

Office of Attorney General

- **May 6- Proposed Regulation—Board of Nursing**
 - o NEWARK – The Board of Nursing has proposed amendments to regulations regarding continuing education requirements for licensed nurses and initial education requirements for advanced practice nurses. The proposal effectuates P.L. 2017, c. 28 which requires licensed nurses to complete one credit of continuing education on prescription opioid drugs every biennial renewal period. The law also requires that an advanced practice nurse’s initial education in pharmacology include issues concerning prescription opioid drugs.
<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Proposals/Pages/Nursing-042020x-proposal.aspx>
- **May 6- Proposed Regulation Board of Nursing—**
 - o NEWARK – The Board of Nursing has proposed amendments and new rules to implement P.L. 2019, c. 172, which entered New Jersey into the Nurse Licensure Compact. The Compact is an agreement between states in which nurses licensed in one member state may work in another member state without obtaining a license. In order to work pursuant to the Compact, a nurse would have to obtain a license with multistate privileges from his or her home state, which must be the nurse’s primary state of residence. The proposed amendments and new rules establish the procedures for applying for licenses with multistate privileges.
<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Proposals/Pages/Nursing-042020-proposal.aspx>
- **May 6- Proposed Regulation—Division of Consumer Affairs**
 - o NEWARK – The New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs has proposed amendments to regulations governing the conduct of licensed public movers and/or warehousemen. P.L. 2019, c. 216 revised requirements for the information brochure that licensed public movers and/or warehousemen are required to provide consumers. The new requirements permit the brochure to be provided either in written or digital form. The proposal amends Division regulations to effectuate P.L. 2019, c. 216. The proposal also allows licensed public movers and/or warehousemen to perform physical inspections through electronic means, revises standards for exceptions to liability for damages to consumer’s goods and allows for more short-notice moves by increasing the price limit for such moves. The proposed amendments, and information on how to submit a comment by June 19, 2020, can be viewed here.
<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Proposals/Pages/directoroff-042020-proposal.aspx>

Department of Labor

- **May 1- NJ Workers Comp Judges Hear Cases virtually during pandemic**
https://www.nj.gov/labor/lwdhome/press/2020/20200501_workerscomp.shtml

NJ Coronavirus 5.5.20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 130, 593
- Deaths- 8,244
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- May 5- Press Event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HQrSkB93zM>
 - o Received new guidance yesterday from Secretary of Treasury on how 2.4 billion in CARES Act funding that New Jersey has received.
 - Greater flexibility
 - Ability to make school aid payment of 467 million dollars

State Legislature

- May 5- Sweeney urges Murphy to open more businesses by Memorial Day
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/05/sweeney-urges-murphy-to-open-more-nj-businesses-by-memorial-day.html>
- May 5- Let's start with curbside pickup to get retailers working again, GOP Lawmaker says <https://www.njassemblygop.com/lets-start-with-curbside-pickup-to-get-retailers-working-again-gop-lawmaker-says/>
- May 5- LD1 legislators announce press event for small business press conference at Coho Brewery. Friday May 8th <https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/testa/media-advisory-05-08-2020-ld1-team-announces-small-business-press-conference/47954>
- May 5- Gopal bill provides grace period for 3rd quarter property taxes
<https://newjerseyglobe.com/fr/gopal-bill-provides-grace-period-for-3rd-quarter-property-taxes/>

Office of Attorney General

- May 5- Division of Consumer Affairs will stand up a program to grant temporary emergency licenses to 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. <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/governor-murphy-attorney-general-grewal-announce-recent-graduates-health-care-programs-can-now-join-fight-covid-19-waiting-take-licensing-exams/>
- NJ Attorney general to host virtual townhall on Thursday May 7
<https://planetprinceton.com/2020/05/05/nj-attorney-general-to-host-virtual-town-hall-on-thursday-may-7/>

Articles

- May 5- Assembly passes bill on alcohol takeout and delivery to help boost NJ hospitality industry <https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/05/assembly-passes-bill-on-alcohol-takeout-and-delivery-to-help-boost-njs-hospitality-industry/>

- **May 5- BPU has good news for solar developers: if it's solar, its essential**
<https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/05/bpu-has-good-news-for-solar-developers-if-its-solar-its-essential/>
- **May 5- New Jersey to see \$24M to boost mental health, substance abuse services**
<https://njbiz.com/new-jersey-see-24m-boost-mental-health-substance-abuse-services/>
- **May 5- Passport Health expands COVID-19 capabilities to include antibody testing**
<https://njbiz.com/passport-health-expands-covid-19-capabilities-include-antibody-testing/>
- **May 5- Tucci re-elected chairman of utility authority**
<https://newjerseyglobe.com/governor/tucci-re-elected-chairman-of-utility-authority/>
- **Labor board slams Meridian Health for nursing contract negotiations**
<https://newjerseyglobe.com/fr/labor-board-slams-meridian-health-for-nursing-contract-negotiations/>
- **May 2- NJBIA 80+ Member Coalition Letter to Gov Murphy and NJ Legislature**
<https://njbia.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Business-Sector-Recovery-Framework-FINAL.pdf>

NJ Coronavirus 5.4.20

General

- **Presumptive Positive- 126, 744**
- **Deaths- 7,781**
- ***Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)***
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Governor

- **May 4- Press Event- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnLz2NGUpkI>**
 - o **EO: 137 Rescission of EO 73 because 1.3 billion surplus is no longer realistic**
 - **Admin will continue to push for direct federal assistance and continue with state legislators for short-term borrowing to bridge immediate needs**
 - **<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-137.pdf>**
- **May 4- Governor Murphy announces that schools that will remain closed through the end of the school year <https://www.politico.com/states/new-jersey/story/2020/05/04/murphy-to-order-new-jersey-schools-closed-for-rest-of-academic-year-1281900>**
- **May 4- Expect upcoming Guidance on Beach openings**
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/05/jersey-shore-towns-can-expect-beach-reopening-guidance-from-state-soon-murphy-says.html>
- **May 3- Murphy announced multi-state PPE purchasing**
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200503a.shtml>
- **May 4- Murphy vetoed the following bills:**
 - o **A3813 / S2292** (Burzichelli, Schepisi, Lampitt / Cardinale, Beach) - Permits use of virtual or remote instruction to meet minimum 180-day school year requirement under certain circumstances
 - o **A3841 / S2300** (Pintor Marin, Bramnick, Chiaravallotti / Diegnan, Sarlo, A.M. Bucco) - Automatically extends time to file gross income tax or corporation business tax return if federal government extends filing or payment due date for federal returns
 - o **A3842 / S2282** (Greenwald, Taliaferro, Quijano / Ruiz, T. Kean) - Establishes Bridging the Digital Divide in Schools Grant Program in DOE to provide and expand access to technology and equipment for students in certain school districts
 - o **A3846 / S2293** (Sumter, Chaparro, Quijano / Madden, Lagana) - Creates "Temporary Lost Wage Unemployment Program;" allows persons to claim for lost wages due to coronavirus disease 2019, and employers to pay wages to workers ordered under quarantine by licensed healthcare practitioner; appropriates \$20,000,000

- **A3856 / S2297** (Downey, Wimberly / Gopal, Singer, Greenstein, Cruz-Perez, Pou, Ruiz, Addiego, C.A. Brown) - Makes FY 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$10 million for healthcare and residential facility sanitation due to coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak
- **A3857 / S2275** (Coughlin, Quijano, Speight, Jasey / Cryan, Singer, Turner, Singleton, Cruz-Perez, Ruiz, Addiego, Scutari, T. Kean, Bateman, C.A. Brown, O'Scanlon, Oroho) - Makes FY 2020 supplemental appropriations of \$15 million for grants to food banks
- **A3858 / S2288** (Mukherji, Spearman, Zwicker / Greenstein, Vitale, Singer, Cruz-Perez, Ruiz, C.A. Brown) - Requires Commissioner of Human Services to issue supplemental cash assistance payments to Work First New Jersey recipients under certain circumstances; makes appropriation
- **A3864 / S2299** (Downey, Houghtaling, Swain / Greenstein, O'Scanlon, Gopal, Ruiz, Turner, C.A. Brown, Holzapfel, Singer, Singleton) - Authorizes notaries public to perform certain notarial acts remotely

NJ State Legislature

- **May 4- Sweeney: job-sharing would save up 750m for taxpayers, workers, and businesses**
<https://www.njsendems.org/sweeney-pou-oroho-job-sharing-furloughs-would-save-up-to-750m-for-taxpayers-workers-and-businesses/>
- **May 4- Mukherji Bill Permitting Small Hospitality Businesses to Apply for Interest-Free EDA Loans Passes Assembly Committee**
<https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/mukherji-bill-permitting-small-hospitality-businesses-apply-interest-free-eda-loans-passes-assembly-committee/>

Department of Banking

- **May 4- Bulletin 20-21: Temporary Insurance Producer Licenses**
https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_21.pdf
- **May 1- Bulletin 20-20:** https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_20.pdf

Board of Public Utilities

- **May 1- BPU Clarifies that Solar construction may continue during the state of emergency and public health emergency**
<https://www.bpu.state.nj.us/bpu/newsroom/2020/approved/20200501.html>

Articles

- **May 5- NJ State Parks overrun during re-open**
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/05/these-8-state-parks-were-overrun-when-nj-coronavirus-closures-were-lifted.html>
- **May 5- Fewer N.J. bridges are in poor condition, study says, but 10 heavily traveled spans need major repairs**
<https://www.nj.com/politics/2020/05/fewer-nj-bridges-are-need-of-major-repairs-study-says.html>

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General

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- **Deaths- 7,538**

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Governor

- **May 1- Press Event** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4x1M-V0tbs0>
- **May 1- EO relaxing in person requirements for marriage licenses and working papers for minors**

State Legislature

- **May 1- Doherty: put idle state employees to work processing unemployment claim backlog**
<https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/doherty/doherty-put-idle-state-employees-to-work-processing-unemployment-claim-backlog/47906>
- **May 4- Assembly Appropriations Committee; Senate Quorum**
 - o **AAP**
 - [A3942](#) (Mukherji / Vainieri Huttle) - Requires hospital to permit individual to accompany woman during childbirth. (pending referral)
 - [A3946](#) / [S2356](#) (Jasey / Caputo / Cunningham / Kean) - Provides relief to students receiving State financial aid to address special circumstances due to 2020 health state of emergency. (pending referral)
 - [A3959](#) (Mukherji) - Establishes NJ Hospitality Emergency Loan Program in EDA to provide no-interest loans to qualified small hospitality businesses; makes \$5 million appropriation to EDA. (pending referral)
 - [A3964](#) (Quijano) - Permits remote application for marriage license for COVID-19 patients; eliminates waiting period. (pending intro and referral)
 - [A3965](#) (Moen) - Expands existing EDA loan program to include small producers of alcoholic beverages. (pending intro and referral)
 - [A3966](#) (Burzichelli / Freiman) - Authorizes premixed cocktail growlers and permit growler sales by all bar owners; permit home delivery of alcohol. (pending intro and referral)
 - [A3967](#) (Danielsen) - Clarifies notice required to be provided to property taxpayers of change in interest rate on delinquent property taxes; permits municipality to extend grace period in certain circumstances. (pending intro and referral)
 - [A3970](#) / [S2344](#) (Reynolds-Jackson / Pou / Singer / Vitale) - Requires Medicaid and health insurance coverage for certain refills of prescription drugs during state of emergency. (pending intro and referral)
- **May 7 Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee; Senate Quorum**
 - o **ACE**
 - [A3905](#) (Timberlake) - Revises requirements for cash assistance benefits under Work First New Jersey program; appropriates \$25 million.

[A3908](#) (Jasey / Reynolds-Jackson / McKeon) - "COVID-19 Financial Security for Consumers Act." (pending referral)

[A3919](#) (Calabrese / Spearman / Murphy) - Extends certain permits during COVID-19 emergency. (pending referral)

[A3956](#) / [S2332](#) (Chaparro / Mukherji / Wimberly / Stack / Sweeney / Corrado) - Establishes "2020 New Jersey Emergency Rental Assistance Program"; appropriates \$100 million. ([A3956](#) is pending intro and referral; [S2332](#) is pending referral)

[A3971](#) (Benson) - Authorizes the issuance of "coronavirus relief bonds" by municipalities and counties. (pending intro and referral)

Department of Human Services

- **May 1- NJ Human Services Distributes \$6.3 Million to Boost Senior Nutrition During COVID-19** <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/nj-human-services-distributes-6-3-million-boost-senior-nutrition-covid-19/>
- **May 1- NJ Department of Human Services announced more than 86 million this week to support individuals and families during COVID-19 crises**
 - o **36 million in NJ SNAP assistance**
 - o **24 million to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities**
 - o **6.3 million to support meals for seniors**
 - o **At least 20 million for emergency child-care assistance for essential employees**
- **April 30- Division of Developmental Disabilities Webinar Slides**
<https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-update-webinar-04-30-2020.pdf>

Department of Corrections

- **May 1- NJ Department of Corrections to begin universal COVID-19 testing, launches non-congregate housing program for first responders** <https://wrnradio.com/nj-department-of-corrections-to-begin-universal-covid-19-testing-launches-non-congregate-housing-program-for-first-responders/>

Department of Labor

- **May 1- DOL explain how much time it takes to process unemployment claims** <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/05/nj-labor-dept-explains-how-much-time-it-takes-to-process-unemployment-benefits.html>
- **May 1- New Cares Act guidance coming next week, Murphy says** <https://newjerseyglobe.com/governor/new-cares-act-guidance-coming-next-week-murphy-says/>

NJ Business and Industry Association

- **May 1- NJBIA hosted health affairs policy committee with the Commissioner of DHS and the Chief of Staff of DOH. Both department officials gave general comments on how each department has responded to COVID-19. NJBIA has put together a coalition of 80+ members to offer guidance to the NJ Restart Commission.**

- **Senate President Furlough bill may be up next Thursday in Senate Budget.**

Articles

- **May 1- NJ Transit Bus Passengers complain of lack of social distancing and crowding**
<https://www.njspotlight.com/news/passengers-complain-of-crowded-nj-transit-bus-lack-of-social-distancing/>
- **May 1- NJ losing billions in tax revenue shortfall**
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/05/nj-losing-billions-in-epic-tax-revenue-shortfall-these-stunning-examples-show-how-bad-it-is.html>
- **May 1- Pop-up, drive-in movie theatres could be coming to NJ**
<https://www.nj.com/news/2020/04/pop-up-drive-in-movie-theaters-could-be-coming-to-nj-once-lockdown-is-lifted.html>

NJ Coronavirus 4.30.20

General

- **Presumptive Positive- 118,652**
- **Deaths- 7,228**
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Governor

- **April 30- Press Event** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0bO_hIhTGQ
- **April 30- Governor Murphy meets with Trump** <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/president-trump-phil-murphy-new-jersey-financial-assistance/>

State Legislature

- **April 30-Sweeney Welcomes Wage Increase for Direct Care Workers Caring for those with developmental disabilities** <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/sweeney-welcomes-wage-increase-direct-care-workers-caring-developmental-disabilities/>
- **April 30- Testa Applauds Recreational Fishing Industry on Reopening Proposal with Safety in Mind** <https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/testa/testa-applauds-recreational-fishing-industry-on-reopening-proposal-with-safety-in-mind/47866>
- **April 30- Murphy denies hazard pay for first responders while sitting on 2.4 billion from CARES Act** <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/murphy-denies-hazard-pay-first-responders-sitting-2-4-billion-federal-cares-act/>

Department of Labor

- **April 30- Unemployment Claims Top 900K Since Pandemic Began; Benefits Begin for Self-Employed Workers** <https://www.insidernj.com/njdol-unemployment-claims-top-900k-since-pandemic-began-benefits-begin-self-employed-workers/>

Department of Health

- April 30- Murphy administration deploys essential equipment to help meet need for N95 respirators <https://www.nj.gov/health/https://www.cbsnews.com/news/president-trump-phil-murphy-new-jersey-financial-assistance//2020/approved/20200430a.shtml>

Article

- April 30- NJ Transit revenues hit rock bottom from 1.5M in daily ticket sales 41k <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/nj-transit-revenues-hit-rock-bottom-from-15m-in-daily-ticket-sales-to-41k.html>

NJ Coronavirus 4.29.20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 116, 264
- Deaths- 6,770
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
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Governor

- April 29- EO 132: Allowing Electronic Petition Submission and Signature Collection for Initiatives and Referenda
<http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200429/e5/0b/51/47/d0cb0d176de2a5d078b973c9/E-O-132.pdf>
- EO: Opening State Parks and Golf Courses to Reopen on May 2
 - o Parking capped at 50 percent
 - o Recommendation for everyone to wear face masks
 - o County parks at the discretion of count governments
- Partnering with NJ Manufacturing Extension Program to produce face masks and gown sin NJ

State Legislature

- April 29- OScanlon and DiMaso Request Bill Waiving Interest Payments for Municipalities
<https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/oscanlon/oscanlon-dimaso-request-bill-waiving-interest-payments-for-municipalities/47850>
- April 29- Shore senators call for detailed plan to reopen jersey shore
<https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/singer/shore-senators-call-for-detailed-plan-to-reopen-jersey-shore/47843>
- April 28- Bucco seeks program to meet mental health needs of healthcare workers, first responders <https://newjerseyglobe.com/legislature/bucco-seeks-program-to-meet-mental-health-needs-of-healthcare-workers-first-responders/>

Department of Human Services

- April 29- Mental Health Videophone Support available to assist sign language users during COVID-19 Outbreak <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/mental-health-videophone-support-available-assist-sign-language-users-covid-19-outbreak/>
- April 29- \$24 Million in Temporary Wage Increases for Direct Support Professionals in Group Homes & Supervised Apartments; New Guidance for Hospitals on Families and Loved Ones <https://www.tapinto.net/categories/press-releases/articles/murphy-administration-takes-action-to-support-individuals-with-intellectual-developmental-disabilities-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>

Department of Labor

- April 29- NJDOL to begin making pandemic unemployment assistance payments this week <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/nj-labor-department-begin-making-pandemic-unemployment-assistance-payments-week/>

NJ Coronavirus 4.28.20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 113, 856
- Deaths- 6,422
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 28- Press event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ha8FxjESpnk>
 - o EO 130 permitting municipal governments to extend grace period for property tax due May 1st until June 1st. <https://www.nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-130.pdf>
 - o Members of NJ Restart Commission
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200428b.shtml>
- April 27- Administrative order-10: Essential Businesses <https://nj.gov/governor/news/ao/docs/AO2020-10.pdf>

Department of Health

- April 27- Department of Health Issues Permit to Grow Medical Marijuana
<https://www.nj.gov/health/news/2020/approved/20200427b.shtml>

Department of Human Services

- April 28- Emergency Child Care Assistance for Essential Employees Extended Through May
<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/pressreleases/2020/approved/20200428b.html>

Articles

- April 28- Advocacy groups urge NJ Turnpike authority to put the brakes on 24 Billion dollar capital plan <https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/04/advocacy-groups-urge-nj-turnpike-authority-to-put-the-brakes-on-24b-capital-plan/>
- April 28- Opening N.J. golf courses, parks during coronavirus outbreak? Still no, Murphy says. But they're on list for review. <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/opening-nj-golf-courses-parks-during-coronavirus-outbreak-still-no-murphy-says-but-theyre-on-list-for-review.html>

NJ Coronavirus 4.27.20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 111,188
- Deaths- 6,044
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 27- Press event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zno1a8ltVGc>
 - o Roadmap to restoring NJ's economy
http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200427/db/2d/77/6c/2a8a498ff2edda855c3f456d/The_Road_Back_-_Restoring_Economic_Health_Through_Public_Health.pdf
(Benchmarks below)
 - Stay-at-home order in effect until further notice
 - 1) Sustained reduction in new cases
 - 14-day trend lines showing sustained drops in new cases, hospitalizations, and other metrics
 - Hospitals stepping down from functioning under standards of care
 - 2) Expanded testing
 - At least double current testing capacity
 - Prioritize testing for healthcare workers, essential personnel, and vulnerable populations
 - Create a flexible testing plan
 - Expand partnerships with institutions of higher education, private sector labs, and federal government
 - 3) Implemented robust contact tracing
 - Recruit and deploy an army of personnel who will identify and follow up with contacts (1300-7000 contact tracers)—actively seeking companies with innovative solutions
 - Leverage technological data to increase efficiency
 - Coordinate with local and state health officials
 - 4) Securing safe places for isolation
 - Provide individuals who do test positive with a safe and free place to isolate and protect others
 - Ensure supportive services for quarantined contacts
 - 5) Responsible Economic Restart
 - Governor's Restart and Recovery Commission
 - Methodical and strategic return to work based on level of disease transmission risk and essential classification

- Continuation of social distancing measures
- 6) Ensuring Resiliency
 - Learn from the lessons of COVID-19
 - Ensure hospitals and health care systems have inventories of PPE and ventilators
 - Build our own state stockpile
 - Create playbook for future administrations
- April 27-EO 128 provides critical short-term support for renters <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-128.pdf>
- April 27- EO 129 extends retired officer carry permits by a period of 90 days until after public health emergency ends <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-129.pdf>

State Legislature

- April 27- Pennacchio Plan Would Rescue Businesses Struggling <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/pennacchio-plan-rescue-businesses-struggling-survive-rental-payments-crisis/>
- April 27- Cardinale Supports Allowing Self-Serve Gas During Crisis <https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/cardinale/cardinale-supports-allowing-self-serve-gas-during-covid-19-crisis/47783>
- April 27- Vainieri Huddle To Introduce Senior Isolation Legislation <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/vainieri-huddle-introduce-legislation-prevent-senior-isolation-state-emergencies/>
- April 27- OScanlon Decries toll hikes advanced without transparency <https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/oscanlon/oscanlon-decries-toll-hikes-advanced-without-transparency/47815>

Office of Attorney General

- April 27- AG, BPU Challenge Federal Order that undermines NJ Clean Energy Programs and Costs State Ratepayers <https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases20/pr20200427a.html>
 - Petition <https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases20/Merged-MOPR-Petition-for-Review-4.27.2020.pdf>

Articles

- April 27- The psychological toll of COVID-19 lockdown on NJ Residents <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/fear-anxiety-dread-the-psychological-toll-of-the-coronavirus-lockdown-is-wearing-on-nj.html>
- April 27- EMS Task Force, Hidden Gem of NJ coronavirus response <https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/04/ems-task-force-hidden-gem-of-new-jerseys-coronavirus-response/>
- April 27- As economy has faltered, NJ's fishing industry gets walloped <https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/04/as-economy-has-faltered-new-jerseys-fishing-industry-gets-walloped/>

- April 27- Let Solar Energy Grow at Schools <https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/04/op-ed-let-solar-energy-grow-at-schools/>

NJ Coronavirus 4.2420

General

- Presumptive Positive- 102,196
- Deaths- 5,617
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 24- Press event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jIFIKqG9D6I>
 - o EO allowing renters to use their security deposits to pay their rent.
 - o EO through DCA, that will stand up FAQ webpage to provide education for renters/homeowners about their rights during COVID-19
 - o Information page for recently announced mortgage forbearance program

State Legislature

- April 24- Senate Schedule (Attached)
- April 24- Coughlin launches private sector panel to aid economic recovery
<https://newjerseyglobe.com/legislature/coughlin-launches-private-sector-panel-to-aid-economic-recovery/>

Office of Attorney General

- April 23- AG Grewal and Division of Consumer Affairs Issue Enforcement Update on Price Increases During COVID-19 Emergency
<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/News/Pages/04232020.aspx>

Department of Banking and Insurance

- April 24- Bulletin: 20-19: Use of telemedicine and telehealth during COVID-19 pandemic- Personal Injury Protection coverage https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_19.pdf
- April 23- Bulletin 20-18: EXTENSION OF MORTGAGE SERVICER LICENSE APPLICATION AND RMLA-LICENSED MORTGAGE SERVICER REGISTRATION DEADLINES https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_18.pdf
- Bulletin 20-17: FAQs on COVID-19 and Insurance Premium Finance Companies
<https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/covid/inspremfincos.html>

Board of Public Utilities

- April 24- In partnership with NJBPU Staff, the SRP Administrator will be conducting a webinar, "Navigating New Jersey's Solar Transition" on April 28, 2020 at 2pm
 - o Registration <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/982952806427235344>

- April 24- The Transition Incentive Program online portal will be open to new registrations starting on May 1, 2020 after the SRP closes, and until the Solar Successor Program registration is established. In order to provide stakeholders additional guidance regarding the Solar Transition, NJBPU Staff has developed a [Frequently Asked Questions webpage](#) to provide information regarding the Solar Transition. This FAQ page will be updated regularly.

Articles

- April 24- NJ,PA casinos lose 274million in a month
<https://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/news/20200424/pa-nj-casinos-lose-274m-in-month-despite-explosion-in-online-gambling>
- April 24- Rutgers tuition freeze and cutting pay of top officials, halting capital projects
<https://newjerseyglobe.com/fr/rutgers-cutting-pay-for-top-officials-halting-capital-projects-amid-pandemic/>
- April 24- 2K NJ Businesses accused of price gouging amid coronavirus crisis
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/12-for-a-gallon-of-milk-2k-nj-businesses-accused-of-price-gouging-amid-coronavirus-crisis.html>
- April 24- Goldman Sachs, Pursuit to provide 10m for NJ small business loans
<http://njbmagazine.com/njb-news-now/goldman-sachs-pursuit-to-provide-10m-for-nj-small-business-loans/>

NJ Coronavirus 4.23.20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 99,989
- Deaths- 5,368
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 23- Press Event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uva5wSKbeno>
 - o Next week, the State will begin testing all residents and staff at each of the five State developmental centers for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities with new saliva-based testing created by Rutgers University
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200423b.shtml>
 - o 140, 000 New Jerseyans filed for unemployment last week

State Legislature

- April 23- Sweeney Adds Ruiz and Singleton to Fiscal Recovery Team
<https://www.insidernj.com/sweeney-adds-ruiz-singleton-team-fiscal-recovery-strategists/>

Department of Labor

- April 23- Weekly payments surpass 500k
https://www.nj.gov/labor/lwdhome/press/2020/20200423_weeklypayments500k.shtml

Department of Human Services

- April 23- DDD Weekly Webinar Slides
<https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-update-webinar-04-23-2020.pdf>
- April 22- Guidance regarding telemedicine/telehealth and telecommunications support services for behavioral health provider agencies dealing
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/COVID-19%20Telehealth%20Guidance%20Policy.pdf>

NJ Coronavirus 4.22 .20

National

- April 22- Here are Congress' next steps in response to coronavirus pandemic
<https://www.cnbc.com/2020/04/22/coronavirus-congress-next-steps-in-response-to-the-pandemic.html>
 - o After this relief is passed through congress, next legislative initiative may include fiscal relief to state and local governments, infrastructure investments, tax incentives for restaurants, entertainment, sports, payroll tax cuts

General

- Presumptive Positive- 95, 865
- Deaths- 5,063
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 22- Press Event
 - o Murphy to sign legislation requiring hospitals to demographic and racial data reporting to DOH
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200422b.shtml>
- April 22- Murphy Wind Council Releases Report on Plan for NJ Wind Institute
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200422a.shtml>
 - o Report
http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200422/dd/86/6f/a9/5f2179b012cf528b9ba354c1/Wind_Council_Final_Report_2020.04.21.pdf

State Legislature

- April 21- Feds need to help N.J. public worker pension system survive coronavirus crisis, Sweeney says
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/feds-need-to-help-nj-public-worker-pension-system-survive-coronavirus-crisis-sweeney-says.html>
- April 22- Sen Bucco Teams with Morris County Fire Chiefs to Provide PPE to NJ Firemen's home
<https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/bucco/bucco-teams-with-morris-county-fire-chiefs-to-provide-ppe-to-nj-firemens-home/47736>

Department of Human Services

- April 22- New Jersey's Medical Assistance Advisory Council held its first virtual meeting
 - Slides
https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/boards/maac/MAAC_Meeting_Presentations_4-22-20.pdf
 - Electronic Visit Verification contract not yet awarded
 - Suspension of NJ Family Care premiums
 - Logisticare transportation services still available.
 - The Department of Human Services are constantly exploring which federal rules can be expanded and waived during this time to help more New Jerseyans and are planning for significant enrollment growth in Medicaid programs.

Department of Health

- April 20- DOH Proposes New Rules at N.J.A.C 8:53, to establish registration standards for telemedicine and telehealth organizations
<https://www.nj.gov/health/news/2020/approved/20200420a.shtml>

NJ Coronavirus 4.21.20

National

- April 21- White house, congressional leaders reach deal to replenish halted coronavirus small business loan program
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2020/04/21/coronavirus-congress-reaches-deal-replenish-small-business-program/5151695002/>
 - \$75B for hospitals
 - \$25B for coronavirus testing
 - \$484B for Paycheck Protection Program

General

- Presumptive Positive- 92, 387
- Deaths- 4,753
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 21- Governor Murphy and Commissioner Caride Announce Expansion of Payment Relied for Student Loan Borrowers
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200421b.shtml>
- April 21- Murphy administration taps I-bank to help ensure fiscal stability of NJ municipalities in response to COVID-19
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200421c.shtml>

- April 20- Murphy announces partnerships with airlines to provide free flights to New Jersey for health care volunteers
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200420b.shtml>

State Legislature

- April 21- Sweeney calls for federal pension loan program to become cornerstone of next federal coronavirus package <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/sweeney-calls-federal-pension-loan-program-become-cornerstone-next-federal-coronavirus-package/>
- April 21- Sweeney proposal could partially furlough 100k public workers
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/100k-nj-public-workers-could-be-partially-furloughed-under-plan-proposed-by-state-senate.html>
- April 21- Dancer resolution urges murphy to reject proposed toll hikes
<https://www.njassemblygop.com/dancer-resolution-urges-murphy-to-reject-proposed-toll-hikes/>

Department of Community Affairs

- April 21- DCA launches online foreclosure intention filing system for residential properties
<https://www.nj.gov/dca/news/news/2020/approved/20200421.html>

Articles

- April 21- Turnpike Authority's \$24B plan provides few jobs, pollutes the air and cripples mass transit <https://www.nj.com/opinion/2020/04/turnpike-authoritys-24b-plan-provides-few-jobs-pollutes-the-air-and-cripples-mass-transit-opinion.html>

NJ Coronavirus 4.20 .20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 88,806
- Deaths- 4,377
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 20- Press Event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jIQyN8vL-0Y>
 - o Over the next couple of days, Murphy to announce benchmarks to reopen economy
 - April 20- Murphy plans to give broad blueprint this week for reopening NJ from coronavirus lockdown <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/gov-murphy-plans-to-give-broad-blueprint-for-re-opening-nj-from-coronavirus-lockdown-this-week.html>
- April 19- Murphy, Cuomo, Lamont, Carney, and Baker Announce Appointees to multistate council to get people back to work and restore the economy
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200419a.shtml>

- April 18- Murphy, Cuomo, Lamont announce alignment of state policies for Marinas and Boatyards <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200418c.shtml>

Department of Community Affairs

- April 20- Murphy Administration Taps I-Bank to Help Ensure Fiscal Stability of New Jersey Municipalities in Response to COVID-19
<https://www.nj.gov/dca/news/news/2020/approved/20200420.html>

Office of Attorney General

- April 20- AG announces series of virtual town hall meetings to maintain community engagement during crisis, help victims
<https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases20/pr20200420a.html>

Articles

- April 20- NJ marinas can operate only with strict social distancing, sanitization
<https://whyy.org/articles/n-j-marinas-can-operate-only-with-strict-social-distancing-sanitization/>
- April 20- New COVID-19 congressional relief calls for \$500B in federal bailouts to states
<https://njbiz.com/new-covid-19-congressional-relief-calls-500b-federal-bailouts-states/>

NJ Coronavirus 4.17 .20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 78,467
- Deaths- 3,840
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 17- Press Event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJNfbMNTjCM>
- April 16- Press Event Transcript
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200415a.shtml>

State Legislature

- April 17- Coughlin On Borrowing To Help NJ Through COVID-19 Pandemic
<https://www.insidernj.com/coughlin-borrowing-help-nj-covid-19-pandemic/>
- April 17-Plan To Borrow For Operating Expenses Is Unconstitutional
<https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/plan-borrow-operating-expenses-unconstitutional-says-gop-lawmaker-litigated-landmark-case/>
- April 17- Sweeney Names Sarlo & Oroho As Fiscal Recovery Strategists
<https://www.insidernj.com/sweeney-names-sarlo-oroho-fiscal-recovery-strategists-economic-comeback-covid-crisis/>

- April 17- Mckeon statement on RGGI Funding Plan <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/mckeon-statement-rggi-funding-plan-combat-climate-change/>

Office of Attorney General

- April 17-AG to issue emergency licenses to foreign licensed physicians <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200417a.shtml>
 - FAQs <http://d31hzlkhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200417/3e/cc/f1/be/dc41b6f41c318111f2294f9f/FAQ-Foreign-Licensed-Doctor-Program.pdf>

Department of Environmental Protection

- April 17- RGGI Strategic Funding Plan Announcement https://nj.gov/dep/newsrel/2020/20_0016.htm
 - Document <https://nj.gov/rggi/docs/rggi-strategic-funding-plan.pdf>

Articles

- April 17- A Clean power plan new jersey customers can afford <https://www.govnetnj.com/GOV/website?&url=http://www.njspotlight.com/2020/04/op-ed-a-clean-power-plan-new-jersey-customers-can-afford/>
- April 17- Federal Agency Stands by Ruling that could undermine NJ's Clean Energy Goals <https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/04/federal-agency-stands-by-ruling-that-could-undermine-njs-clean-energy-goals>

NJ Coronavirus 4.16 .20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 75,316
- Deaths- 3,518
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)* <https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 16- Press Event
 - Board of NJHMFA has voted to suspend all rent increases for 36,000 eligible properties within its portfolio <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200416a.shtml>
 - Murphy announced picks for multi-state council to restart region's economy
 - Murphy announced during his daily briefing today that Jeh Johnson, an attorney and the former U.S. secretary of Homeland Security, and Richard Besser, the former acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who now heads the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, will serve on the council along with George Helmy, the governor's chief of staff.

- April 16- NJ tax collections falling off the cliff in coronavirus crisis, Murphy says <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/nj-tax-collections-falling-off-the-cliff-in-coronavirus-crisis-murphy-says.html>
- April 16- NJ Governor wants bonds to offset billions in lost revenue <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/n-j-murphy-pitches-borrowing-010933708.html>

State Legislature

- April 16- Sen. President Sweeney announced that all bills will now go through virtual committee hearings except in extreme emergencies.
 - o Also mentioned that he wants to begin budget process by early July “at the latest”
- April 16- Dephillips supports ban on public pension investments <https://www.njassemblygop.com/dephillips-supports-ban-on-public-pension-investments-in-chinese-pharmaceuticals/>

Department of Labor

- April 16- DOL sees dip in weekly unemployment applications as claims surpass 718k https://www.nj.gov/labor/lwdhome/press/2020/20200416_weeklyunemployment.shtml
- April 16- NJ Employment falls in march https://www.nj.gov/labor/lwdhome/press/2020/20200416_marchemployment.shtml

Office of Attorney General

- April 16- Grewal: 600+ actions on price gouging, COVID-19-related consumer complaints <https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/04/covid-19-layoffs-slam-clean-energy-sector-in-new-jersey-nationally/>
- April 16- Grewel issues new guidance on Civil Rights and Covid 19 <https://www.nj.gov/oag/dcr/downloads/04162020-NJ-DCR-FAQs-on-COVID-19-Updated-04162020.pdf>

Department of Human Services

- April 16- DDD Weekly COVID-19 Update Webinar <https://www.gotostage.com/channel/211b7cb644834745a4e4d38e3b4bad2f/recording/047886339dba4c53baa878829e8426a3/watch>
 - o Webinar Slides <http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-update-webinar-04-16-2020.pdf>

Articles

- April 16- COVID-19 Layoffs Slam Clean-Energy Sector in NJ <https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/04/covid-19-layoffs-slam-clean-energy-sector-in-new-jersey-nationally/>

NJ Coronavirus 4.15.20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 71,030
- Deaths- 3,156
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 15- Press Event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQQc5C3wll0>
- April 15- Murphy: June Reopen possible <https://patch.com/new-jersey/newarknj/watch-live-gov-phil-murphy-issues-nj-coronavirus-update-4-15-20>

State Legislature

- April 15- LD1 legislators to launch economic recovery task force
<https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/testa/ld1-legislators-to-launch-economic-recovery-task-force/47601>
- April 15- Businesses could benefit from more time to file sales tax return
<https://www.njassemblygop.com/businesses-could-benefit-from-more-time-to-file-sales-tax-returns-says-dancer/>
- April 15- Rooney Calls on Murphy to extend county and municipal budget deadlines
<https://www.njassemblygop.com/rooney-calls-on-murphy-to-extend-county-and-municipal-budget-deadlines/>
- April 15- GOP Members of Senate Budget Committee Call on Governor to Reset Budget priorities to meet emergent needs <https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/oroho/gop-members-of-senate-budget-committee-call-on-governor-to-reset-budget-priorities-to-meet-emergent-needs/47643>
- April 15- Asm. Peters: Construction should remain open. Here's how
<https://www.insidernj.com/assemblyman-peters-construction-remain-open-heres/>

Office of Attorney General

- April 15- AG Grewal: Division of Consumer Affairs Has Taken Over 600 Actions on Price Gouging, Other Consumer Complaints Related to COVID-19
<https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases20/pr20200415a.html>

Articles

- April 15- Expansion of Jersey City Plastic bag ban put on hold for coronavirus
<https://www.nj.com/hudson/2020/04/expansion-of-jersey-citys-plastic-bag-ban-put-on-hold-for-coronavirus-pandemic.html>
- April 15- NJ Offers grace period for insurance premium payments
<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/new-jersey-offers-grace-period-for-27921/>
- April 15- New Jersey's March revenues were up 3.6% compared with 2019, but officials warned Wednesday that the economic effects of COVID-19 would have a significant effect on state finances next month and beyond. The state collected \$1.88 billion in March, up \$66.3 million over March 2019, the Treasury Department said in a statement.

<https://www.thehour.com/news/article/NJ-tax-revenues-up-but-officials-warn-downturn-15202665.php>

NJ Coronavirus 4.14.20

General

- **Presumptive Positive- 68,824**
- **Deaths- 2,805**
- ***Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)***
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- **April 14- Press Event** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-4rKTxiWr0>
 - o **Budget Update: During today's COVID-19 briefing, Governor Murphy indicated that he will be signing S2338. Pursuant to this legislation:**
 - **The Governor will be delivering a revised budget message on August 25th. The revised budget message shall meet the requirements set forth in section 11 of P.L.1944, c.112 (C.52:27B-20), except that the required estimate of balances on hand shall be as of October 1 instead of July 1.**
 - **By May 21, the State Treasurer shall prepare a report on the financial condition of the State budget for State Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021. The report shall provide:**
 - **An update on State revenue collections through the first nine months of State Fiscal Year 2020 and a revised forecast of revenue projections for the remainder of the current fiscal year;**
 - **A detailed plan of spending from State, federal, and all other governmental funds for the continuation of essential governmental operations during the remainder of State Fiscal Year 2020, including, but not limited to, debt service payments, pension payments, spending on capital projects, public transportation, school aid, municipal aid, utility service subsidies, and funding for hospitals, higher education, and emergency relief impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and,**
 - **An assessment of current economic conditions and the potential impact of the economy on the proposed budget for State Fiscal Year 2021.**
 - **EO 127 Murphy signs Executive order extending certain deadlines associated with rule making**
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-127.pdf>

State Legislature

- **April 14- Sen Rice: Environmental Justice Inseparable from Economic Justice**
<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/east-orange-slash->

[orange/sections/government/articles/environmental-justice-inseparable-from-economic-justice-11](#)

- April 14- OScanlon: Time for NJ to reclaim manufacturing/pharma industry leadership role <https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/oscanlon/oscanlon-time-for-new-jersey-to-reclaim-manufacturing-pharmaceutical-industry-leadership-role/47581>

Office of Attorney General

- April 14- AG Announces waiver of in-person continuing education requirements to promote social distance for NJ Professionals <https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases20/pr20200413c.html>

Department of labor

- April 14th- Labor Department Implements Customer-service, Tech improvements to address historic increases in Unemployment claims https://www.nj.gov/labor/lwdhome/press/2020/20200414_njdolimprovements.shtml

Department of Community Affairs

- April 14th- In Response to COVID-19, the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety Takes Curriculum Online <https://nj.gov/dca/news/news/2020/approved/20200414.html>

Department of Human Services

- April 14- COVID-19 Policy Guidance: Temporary Adjustment to Allow for Partial Care and Partial Hospitalization services <https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/Telehealth%20guidance%20for%20partial%20care%20and%20partial%20hospitals%20comment%20pdf.pdf>

NJ Coronavirus 4.13 .20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 64,584
- Deaths- 2,443
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 13- Press Event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOAwfEYW3oM>
- April 13- EO 126 prohibiting termination of services by internet, telephone, cable companies until 30 days after public emergency <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-126.pdf>
- April 13- MA joins NJ, NY, PA, DE, and RI Multi-state council to get people back to work and restore economy <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200413e.shtml>
- Governor Murphy Announces intention to sign legislation extending tax filing deadline <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200413c.shtml>

- April 11-EO 125 implement additional mitigation requirements on NJ Transit, Private Carriers, and Restaurants <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-125.pdf>

State Legislature

- April 13th- The Senate and Assembly held remote voting sessions to vote on coronavirus legislation.
- April 13- OP-Ed by Sen. Turner: Birth Control must be easily accessible during pandemic <https://www.nj.com/opinion/2020/04/birth-control-must-be-easily-available-during-the-pandemic-legislator-says.html>

Economic Development Authority

- April 13- NJEDA extends reporting deadlines for HUB, Grow and ERG <http://njbmagazine.com/njb-news-now/njeda-extends-reporting-deadlines-for-hub-grow-and-erg/>

NJ Coronavirus 4.9.20

General

- **Presumptive Positive- 51,027**
- **Deaths- 1,700**
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 9- Press Event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OopoTzDT0I>
- April 9- EO signed that would extend grace periods for insurance premiums.
- April 8, E0 122- Social distancing measures
<https://www.nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-122.pdf>
- April 8- EO 121- Greater weight limit for vehicles carrying relief supplies b
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200408d.shtml>

State Legislature

- **April 13-** The Senate, pursuant to P.L. 2020 c.2, will have an electronic voting session:
 - o S2329 (Ruiz) - Revises requirements for cash assistance benefits under Work First New Jersey program.
 - o S2330 (Pou / Cryan / Oroho / Vitale) - "COVID -19 Financial Security for Consumers Act."
 - o S2331 (Sweeney / Cunningham) - Assists inmates released from incarceration in obtaining necessary reentry benefits.
 - o S2332 (Stack / Sweeney / Corrado) - Establishes "2020 New Jersey Emergency Rental Assistance Program"; appropriates \$100 million.
 - o S2333 (Kean / Sweeney / Smith / O'Scanlon) - Provides immunity from civil liability for certain medical malpractice claims alleging injury or death incurred during public health emergency and state of emergency declared by Governor's Executive Order 103 of 2020.

- S2338 (Sarlo / Oroho / Bucco) -- "COVID-19 Fiscal Mitigation Act"; Clarifies filing and payment deadline extension for CBT and GIT taxpayers, modifies duration of State Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021, requires certain updates and presentation for State Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.
- S2339 (Cunningham / Ruiz / Cryan / Singleton) - Concerns certain benefits and leave provided to workers.
- S2340 (Singleton / Oroho / Greenstein) - Authorizes Governor to permit mortgage forbearance and rent payment responsibility reduction for certain emergency-impacted residential property owners and tenants during emergency circumstances.
- S2341 (Vitale / Thompson / Greenstein / Scutari) - Authorizes Governor to restrict rent increases on certain commercial tenants during emergency circumstances; enhances similar existing authority over rent increases on residential tenants
- S2342 (Bucco / Greenstein) - Permits nonprofit corporations to allow members to participate in meetings by way of remote communication, and permits nonprofit corporations to hold meetings in part or solely by means of remote communication during state of emergency.
- S2344 (Pou / Singer / Vitale) - Requires Medicaid and health insurance coverage for certain refills of prescription drugs during state of emergency.
- S2345 (Cryan / Bateman) - Requires refund or credit for transient space reservations when a public health emergency or state of emergency is in effect.
- S2346 (Sarlo / Sweeney / Singleton / Bucco) - Extends certain permits during COVID-19 emergency.
- S2347 (Sweeney / Greenstein / Kean, T.) - Establishes Employment and Business-Related Tax Deferral Assistance Program in EDA to allow small businesses to defer the payment and remittance of certain employment and business-related taxes during COVID-19 public health emergency.
- S2348 (Sweeney / Kean, T. / Bucco) - Allows CBT and GIT tax credits to certain employers that retain employees during COVID-19 pandemic.
- S2349 (Beach) - Changes the date of the 2020 primary election from June 2 to July 7.
- S2351 (Scutari / Greenstein / Holzapfel) - Affords employment protection to certain emergency medical responders.
- S2352 (Gopal / Lagana / Holzapfel) - Provides enhanced penalty for distribution of counterfeit drugs and medical devices during declared states of emergency.
- S2353 (Cryan) - Excludes from severance requirements under "Millville Dallas Airmotive Plant Job Loss Notification Act" mass layoffs resulting from coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.
- S2354 (Greenstein / Oroho) - Prohibits cancellation or nonrenewal of insurance during public health emergency or state of emergency and for 60 days thereafter and requires insurers to take certain actions to avoid cancellation and nonrenewal.
- S2355 (Gopal / Bateman) - Delays mandatory retirement in SPRS when it would occur during period of State of emergency.
- S2356 (Cunningham) - Provides relief to students receiving State financial aid to address special circumstances due to 2020 public health state of emergency.
- S2357 (Rice / Gill / Corrado) - Requires hospitals to report COVID-19 demographic data
- SR64 (Cryan / Pou / Bateman) - Urges financial institutions to waive and suspend certain fees and payments during coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.
- SR65 (Sarlo / Greenstein / Testa) - Urges creation of federal COVID-19 Business and Employee Continuity and Recovery Fund.
- A3901 / S2334 (Chiaravallotti / Kennedy / Speight) - Permits professional and occupational licensing boards to reactivate licensure of certain individuals during state of emergency or public health emergency.
- A3903 / S2336 (Downey / Houghtaling / Swain) - Allows remote notarial acts during Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency declared by Governor in Executive Order 103 of 2020.
- A3904 / S2337 (Burzichelli / Schepisi / Lampitt) - Permits use of virtual or remote instruction to meet minimum 180-day school year requirement under certain circumstances.

Department of Labor

- **New unemployment claims in NJ pass 500k in 3 weeks**
https://www.nj.gov/labor/lwdhome/press/2020/20200409_500kclaims.shtml

Department of Human Services

- **April 9- COVID-19 Temporary service modifications** <http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-temporary-service-modifications.pdf>

- COVID-19 Temporary provider funding
<http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-temporary-provider-funding.pdf>

Articles

- April 9- NJ Power Outage tracker <https://www.nj.com/weather/2020/04/live-nj-power-outage-tracker-thousands-in-the-dark-as-strong-thunderstorms-sweep-state.html>

NJ Coronavirus 4.8.20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 47,437
- Deaths- 1,504
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 8 - Press event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZB65S.IUkio>
- April 8- Governor signed EOs
 - EO 120 – Moving primary to Tuesday July 7th
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-120.pdf>
 - EO- Social distancing measures
 - Suspension of all non-essential construction
 - Exceptions to this shut-down include:
 - Projects at New Jersey hospitals and schools
 - Transportation and utility sector projects
 - The building of affordable housing
 - Other individual housing sites that can adhere to strict limits on the number of workers on-site at any given time
 - Emergency repairs
 - Work needed to safely secure a construction site
 - Other limited instances
 - All customers and employees must wear facemasks at retail stores, number of customers allowed at one time will be limited
 - All essential retail must indefinitely limit the number of customers in their stores to 50 percent of their approved capacity.
 - Customers and employees must wear face coverings.
 - Stores must provide special shopping hours for high-risk individuals, erect physical barriers between customers and cashiers and baggers where practicable, and regularly sanitize areas used by their employees.
 - Greater protection put in place for workers and in manufacturing
 - EO- signing order to increase weight limits for trucks on highways to allow essential deliveries

NJ State Legislature

- April 9th- The Senate and Assembly will be having a quorum call
- April 13th- The Senate and Assembly will be having a voting session
- April 8th-Sweeney will take seat on legislative redistricting commission
<https://newjerseyglobe.com/redistricting/sweeney-will-take-seat-on-legislative-redistricting-commission/>

Department of Environmental Protection

- April 8- DEP adopts new protections for 600 miles of rivers and streams
<https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/04/dep-acts-to-protect-water-quality-of-600-miles-of-rivers-and-streams/>

Articles

- April 8- Frontline essential employees need workers compensation reform
<https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/frontline-essential-employees-need-workers-compensation-reform-protect-coronavirus/>
- April 8- Invisible Health-force: Mental Health Workers on the Frontline
<https://www.insidernj.com/invisible-health-force-mental-health-workers-front-line/>

NJ Coronavirus 4.7.20

- Presumptive Positive- 44,416
- Deaths- 1,232
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- o April 7- Press event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irB8z2-kZVg>
- o April 7- Governor signed 4 EOs
 - EO 119- extending public emergency by 30 days
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-119.pdf>
 - EO 118 closing county and state parks
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-118.pdf>
 - EO 117- waiving student assessment requirement for graduation; waives use of student testing data for teacher evaluation
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-117.pdf>
 - EO 116- Extending certain deadlines for boards of education that still operate on the April election timeframe hose elections have been moved to May 12 <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-116.pdf>
- o April 7- Hilton and American Express, in partnership with Hilton's ownership community, are donating up to 1 million hotel rooms across the nation and through the end of May to frontline medical workers.
- o April 6- EO 115- Allowing public retirees to reenter workforce without affecting pension status <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-115.pdf>

NJ State Legislature

- April 9th- The Senate and Assembly will be having a quorum call
- April 13th- The Senate and Assembly will be having a voting session

Department of Health

- April 7- DOH Proposes new rules at N.J.A.C. 8:53, to establish registration standards for telemedicine and telehealth organizations
<https://www.nj.gov/health/news/2020/approved/20200407a.shtml>

Department of Human Services

- Uploaded April 7- Certificate of Waiver of Certain SNAP Interview Requirements
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/DEFD%20SNAP%20Interview%20Waiver.pdf>

Articles

- April 6- Car dealers in NJ NY and Texas band together to provide help during coronavirus pandemic <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/car-dealers-in-nj-ny-and-texas-band-together-to-provide-help-during-coronavirus-pandemic.html>
- April 7- NJs bonded debt dips for second year, but state remains one of most indebted un U.S <https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/04/njs-bonded-debt-dips-for-second-straight-year-but-state-remains-one-of-most-indebted-in-u-s/>
- April 7- Utility customers will no longer fund state's solar projects, BPU rules
<https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/04/utility-customers-will-no-longer-fund-states-solar-projects-bpu-rules/>
- April 7- DEP adopts strictest PFAS Standards in Nation-Win for public health
<https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/dep-adopts-strictest-pfas-standards-nation-win-public-health/>
- April 7- Pop up seafood market at jersey shore helps fishermen hurt by COVID-19 restaurant closures <https://whyy.org/articles/pop-up-seafood-market-helps-fishermen-sell-catch-unloaded-steps-away/>
- April 7- Allstate giving auto insurance premiums back during coronavirus crisis.
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/allstate-giving-auto-insurance-premiums-back-during-coronavirus-crisis-will-others-follow.html>
- April 7- ELEC 825 Commend Murphy for letting construction work continue during pandemic <https://www.nj.com/opinion/2020/04/we-commend-gov-murphy-for-letting-construction-work-continue-during-the-pandemic-opinion.html>

NJ Coronavirus 4.6.20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 41,090
- Deaths- 1,003
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 6- EO 115: Allowing retired public workers to return to work and join frontline without affecting their pension (EO not yet available)
- April 4- State Police Colonel Callahan and Governor will be signing an administrative order giving municipalities and counties the ability to prohibit all rentals to transient guests or seasonal tenants for the duration of this emergency, including at hotels and motels.
 - o Admin Order No. 2020-08
http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200404/76/54/49/6d/782ba5a402ce762190ffd92/AO_2020-8.pdf

Department of Banking and Insurance

- April 6- Bulletin No. 20-10 Extended transition for certain health insurance policies
https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_10.pdf

State Legislature

- April 9 - The Senate will be meeting on for a quorum call
- April 13- The Senate will be meeting for a remote voting session
- April 6- Senator Weinberg urges all NJ transit riders to wear face coverings
<https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/weinberg-urges-nj-transit-riders-heed-directive-wear-face-coverings-slow-coronavirus-spread/>

Department of Human Services

- Uploaded April 6- Suspension of PASRR Level 1 and Level 2 COVID Guidance
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/2%20PASRR%20Level%20I%20and%20Level%20II%20COVID-19%20Guidance.pdf>
- Uploaded April 6- DoAS LTSS and OCCO Staff Contact Info
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/3%20DoAS%20LTSS%20and%20OCCO%20Contact%20List%203.20.20.pdf>
- Uploaded April 6- PACE Operations COVID Guidance
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/4%20PACE%20Operations%20and%20COVID-19%20Guidance.pdf>
- Uploaded April 6- Certificate of Waiver of Certain WorkFirstNJ/ Emergency Assistance Rules
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/DFD%20EA%20Waiver.pdf>
- Uploaded April 6- Certificate of Waiver of Certain SNAP Rules
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/DFD%20SNAP%20Waiver.pdf>
- April 6- How NJ FamilyCare is Working to support New Jerseyans healthcaer needs during coronavirus crises
<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/press/2020/approved/20200406m.html>

Articles

- April 6- Pascrell calls on federal reserve to aid states by buying up municipal debt
<https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/pascrell-calls-federal-reserve-aid-states/>

- April 6- NJ Casino Authority takes outlook hit from COVID-19 <https://www.bondbuyer.com/news/new-jersey-casino-authority-takes-outlook-hit-from-covid-19>
- April 6- Solar Renewable Energy Certificate Registration Program to close <http://njbmagazine.com/njb-news-now/solar-renewable-energy-certificate-registration-program-to-close-april-30/>
- April 6- NJ's Day-Over-Day COVID-19 new case growth is declining <http://njbmagazine.com/njb-news-now/njs-day-over-day-covid-19-new-case-growth-rate-is-declining/>
- April 5- NJ, DRBC call on FERC for new environmental review of PennEast N.J., DRBC call on FERC for new environmental review of PennEast <https://why.org/articles/nj-drbc-call-on-ferc-for-new-environmental-review-of-penneast/>

NJ Coronavirus 4.4.20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 34,124
- Deaths- 840
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 4- State Police Colonel Callahan and Governor will be signing an administrative order giving municipalities and counties the ability to prohibit all rentals to transient guests or seasonal tenants for the duration of this emergency, including at hotels and motels.
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NJ Coronavirus 4.3.20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 29,895
- Deaths- 646
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 3- Press event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsblHDutHo4>
- April 3- Murphy directs U.S. and NJ Flags to fly at half-staff indefinitely in honor of those who have lost their lives or have been affected by COVID-19
 - o EO: 114 <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-114.pdf>
- Is the administration looking at Rental relief for tenants?

- Landlords are receiving mortgage relief and it is expected that they provide symmetrical relief to tenants from mortgage lenders
- Department of Community Affairs looking into more options to help renters.

NJ State Legislature

- April 9- The General Assembly will have a quorum call at 1:00 PM on Thursday, April 9, 2020.
- April 3- Sweeney Calls on Nursing Home to “Follow the Law” and inform caregivers of coronavirus <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/sweeney-calls-nursing-homes-follow-law-inform-caregivers-coronavirus-cases/>
- April 3- Karabinchak Proposes bill to extend new jersey property tax deadline <https://www.insidernj.com/karabinchak-proposes-bill-extend-new-jersey-property-tax-deadline/>
- April 3- Conaway and Mckeon on coverage on telehealth and telemedicine services during COVID-19 Pandemic <https://www.assemblydems.com/conaway-mckeon-on-coverage-of-telehealth-telemedicine-services-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

Economic Development Authority

- April 3- EDA COVID-19 Website <https://faq.business.nj.gov/en/collections/2198378-information-for-nj-businesses-on-the-coronavirus-outbreak>
- April 3- Application for Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant forms.business.nj.gov/grant
 - Online assistance with application https://www.njeda.com/pdfs/NJEDA_COVID-19_Economic-Response-Package-Initial-W
 - Grant size calculator <https://forms.business.nj.gov/grant-size/>
- April 3- Notice of Funding Availability: Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program <https://www.njeda.com/Press-Room/News-Articles/News-Articles/NOFA-Small-Business-Emergency-Assistance-Grant-Pro>
- April 3- NJEDA Announces Application Launch Date for Loan Program <http://njbmagazine.com/njb-news-now/njeda-announces-application-launch-date-for-loan-program/>
 - Emergency Assistance Eligibility Wizard <https://assistance.business.nj.gov>
 - How do I apply to the NJEDA Small Business Loan? (application open April 13, 2020 at 9am) <https://faq.business.nj.gov/en/articles/3835238-how-do-i-apply-to-the-njeda-small-business-emergency-assistance-loan-application-open-april-13-2020-at-9-00-a-m>

Articles

- April 3- Jersey City to match NJEDA COVID-19 relief grants for local business <https://njbiz.com/jersey-city-match-njeda-covid-19-relief-grants-local-businesses/>
- April 3-Horizon donating 500k masks and 160k in food to battle coronavirus in NJ <https://www.nj.com/news/2020/04/nj-health-insurer-donating-500k-masks-160k-in-food-to-battle-coronavirus.html>

- April 3- The state is rolling out telemedicine for prescriptions. How about for medical marijuana? <https://www.nj.com/marijuana/2020/04/the-state-is-rolling-out-telemedicine-for-prescriptions-how-about-for-medical-marijuana.html>
- April 3-NJ Transit granted 1.75B federal bailout under COVID-19 relief bill <https://njbiz.com/welcome-ad/?refUrl=/nj-transit-granted-1-75b-federal-bailout-covid-19-relief-bill/>
- April 3- Plunging gasoline sales could mean price hikes this fall <https://nj1015.com/plunging-gasoline-sales-could-mean-nj-gas-tax-hike-this-fall/>
- April 3- Murphy tells dem chairs that primary could be postponed <https://newjerseyglobe.com/campaigns/murphy-tells-dem-chairs-that-primary-could-be-postponed/>

NJ Coronavirus 4.2.20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 25,590
- Deaths- 537
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- April 2- Press event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McbKmtOrgc8>
 - o EO113- Giving Col. Pat Collahan (State Police) the authority to Comander medical supplies for COVID response <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/nj-state-police-now-has-power-to-commandeer-medical-equipment-supplies-for-coronavirus-fight.html>
- April 2- Murphy Admin launches emergency child care assistance <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200402b.shtml>

NJ State Legislature

- April 2- *Bramnick Propose "battle pay" for frontline health workers amid coronavirus*
WESTFIELD, N.J. – Assembly Republican Leader Jon Bramnick is calling for insurance companies to support paying frontline health care workers to reflect the hardship and increased danger of their work providing care to patients infected with COVID-19. "Most procedures have a code that is equivalent to insurance company reimbursement," said Bramnick (R-Union). "My plan would require insurance companies to add a code when a health care worker is performing services related to COVID-19 patients. This would be in addition to the procedure being performed and provide an additional reimbursement to the healthcare worker."
- April 2- Dephillips to work on urgent business, employee relief package <https://www.njassemblygop.com/dephillips-to-work-on-urgent-business-employee-relief-package/>
- April 2- Mukherji proposed bill to ensure expectant mothers in NJ have access to a support during labor <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/mukherji-proposes-bill-ensure-expectant-mothers-new-jersey-access-support-person-labor/>

Department of Children and Families

- April 2- *Guidance to Emergency Child Care Centers on client eligibility and tuition*
<https://www.childcarenj.gov/getattachment/Resources/Coronavirus/FinalECCAPGuidance.pdf?lang=en-US>
- April 2- *Information on emergency child care* <https://www.childcarenj.gov/Emergency>
- April 2- *Emergency child care centers*
<https://www.nj.gov/dcf/news/DCF.Emergency.Child.Care.Centers.xlsx>

Department of Human Services

- April 2- *COVID-19 Policy Guidance: Covid-19 Prior Auth requirements*
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/MCO%20Guidance%20on%20Prior%20Authorization.pdf>
- April 2- *COVID-19 Policy Guidance: Transfers to Institutions for Mental Disease and Long Term Acute Care Facilities*
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/MCO%20Guidance%20on%20Diversion%20Beds%20and%20LTAC.pdf>

Department of Labor

- April 2- *New unemployment insurance top 362k for past two weeks*
<https://www.insidernj.com/nj-labor-department-new-unemployment-insurance-claims-top-362k-past-two-weeks/>

Board of Public Utilities

- April 2- *BPU Proposal discourages utilities from investing in energy efficiency, critics say*
<https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/04/bpu-proposal-discourages-utilities-from-investing-in-energy-efficiency-critics-claim/>
- March 31- *Monthly report on status toward attainment of 5.1% milestone for closure of the SREC Program* <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/publicnotice/Notice%20on%205-1%20Percent%20Milestone%203-31-20.pdf>

Articles

- April 2- *Expect coronavirus fallout in NJ to stretch deep into May, Murphy says*
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/expect-coronavirus-fallout-in-nj-to-stretch-deep-into-may-murphy-says.html>
- April 2- *ELEC-825: Construction continues during COVID-19 pandemic*
<https://njbiz.com/elec-825-construction-continues-covid-19-pandemic/>
- April 2- *Transit agencies in NJ hit by declining ridership from coronavirus get 1.6B in aid*
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/transit-agencies-in-nj-hit-hard-by-ridership-declines-from-coronavirus-get-1625-billion-in-federal-aid.html>
- April 2- *HUD Delivers 82 million to NJ Governments to combat COVID-19*
<https://www.insidernj.com/hud-delivers-82m-nj-governments-combat-covid-19/>

NJ Coronavirus 4.1.20

General

- Presumptive Positive- 22,255
- Deaths- 355
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- *April 1- Press event* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpajbIwks8M>
- *April 1- Joint Statement by Murphy, Sweeney, and Coughlin on Budget*
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200401a.shtml>
- *Executive order 112- To provide additional flexibility and protections for our hospitals and front-line health care responders*
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200401b.shtml>
 - o *EO 112* <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-112.pdf>

NJ State Legislature

- *April 1- Sweeney welcomes action by horizon to help preserve health care coverage*
<https://www.njsendems.org/sweeney-welcomes-action-by-horizon-to-help-preserve-health-care-coverage/>

Department of Human Services

- *March 31- Waiver of Premiums for CHIP enrollees*
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/DMAHS%20Premium%20Waiver.pdf>

Articles

- *April 1- Local municipalities join mayor Baraka to announce new measures to stop spread of COVID-19* <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/local-municipalities-join-mayor-baraka-announce%E2%80%AF-new-measures-stop-spread-covid-19/>
- *April 1- Online bets help ease revenue loss from NJ Casino shutdown*
<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/politics/online-bets-help-to-ease-revenue-loss-from-new-jerseys-casino-shutdown>
- *April 1- NJ buys 10m pieces of protective gear for healthcare workers.*
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/nj-buys-10m-pieces-of-coronavirus-protective-gear-for-health-care-workers-there-is-no-price-too-high-murphy-says.html>
- *April 1- You can go fishing in NJ despite coronavirus outbreak*
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/03/you-can-go-fishing-despite-coronavirus-outbreak-and-streams-are-stocked-state-says.html>
- *April 1- Toll hikes are happening, despite coronavirus quarantine*
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/toll-hikes-are-happening-despite-coronavirus-quarantine-heres-how-to-comment-from-your-living-room.html>
- *April 1- Coronavirus hasn't stopped construction in NJ, though NY Has.*
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/04/coronavirus-hasnt-stopped-construction-in-nj-though-neighboring-ny-has-that-worries-some.html>

General

- **Presumptive Positive- 18,696**
- **Deaths- 267**
- **Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)**
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- **March 31- Press event** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-DXnEYGIu8>
 - o **Called for elimination of SALT Cap**
 - o **Looking to update residents on budget processes soon**

Department of Labor

- **March 31- NJ Labor Department of Labor and Workforce Development urges to keep employees on the Payroll through Covid-19: 99.8% of Employers qualify for 100 percent reimbursement** <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/nj-labor-department-urges-businesses-keep-employees-payroll-covid-19/>

NJ State Legislature

- **March 31- Moen Proposes bill to freeze interest for Certain NJ College Loans During Coronavirus** <https://www.insidernj.com/moen-proposes-bill-freeze-interest-certain-nj-college-loans-coronavirus-pandemic/>
- **March 31- Testa demands better protections from COVID-19 for Corrections Officers** <https://www.insidernj.com/testa-demands-better-protections-covid-19-corrections-officers/>
- **March 31- Pennachio: NJ Must Make HCQ Available for Preventative Treatment of COVID-19** <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/pennacchio-nj-must-make-hcq-available-preventive-treatment-covid-19/>

Department of Banking and Insurance

- **March 30: Bulletin No.20-09- NO Action position regarding potential disruptions due to covid-19** https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_09.pdf

Office of Attorney General

- **March 31- Attorney General Grewal Leads Coalition Calling for Federal Government to Focus on COVID-19 and Place a Hold on Other New Rules - Americans Focused on Public Health Emergency Have Little Time to Respond to New Federal Rules, Which May Have Unintended Effects Due to Current Crisis** <https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases20/pr20200331a.html>
 - o **Rule letter** <https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases20/COVID-19-Rule-Delay-Letter-Final.pdf>

- *March 30: AG Grewal announces new rules to protect elderly and disabled New Jerseyans During COVID-19 Pandemic*
https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/news_archive.shtml
- *March 30: To prevent drug shortages, AG Grewal imposes emergency statewide restrictions on certain prescription medications*
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200330c.shtml>
 - o *DCA Admin Order 2020-01* https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases20/DCA_AO_2020-01.pdf

Board of Public Utilities

- *March 31- NJ Looks to exit PJM, worried the MOPR will impede its 100% carbon-free goals*
<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/new-jersey-looks-to-exit-pjm-worried-the-mopr-will-impede-its-100-carbon-/575160/>
- *March 31- BPU Green-Lights Agreement to Bring offshore Wind Power Ashore at B.L. England* <https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/03/bpu-green-lights-agreement-to-bring-offshore-wind-power-ashore-at-b-l-england/>

Department of Human Services

- *March 31- Medical Day Care Service Delivery during Covid-19*
[https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/Medical%20Day%20Notification%20-COVID%20-19%20\(002\).pdf](https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/Medical%20Day%20Notification%20-COVID%20-19%20(002).pdf)
- *March 30- Adult Day Service Continuance of Limited Services During COVID-19*
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/DoAS%20Adult%20Day%20COVID%20Guidance%2003-30-2020.pdf>
- *March 30- Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving COVID policy guidance*
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/DoAS%20IACC%20COVID%20Guidance%2003-30-2020.pdf>
- *Developmental Disabilities*
 - o *March 30- COVID-19 Residential Moves*
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-residential-moves.pdf>
 - o *March 30- Incident Reporting* <https://nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-incident-reporting.pdf>
 - o *March 30- Licensing FAQs for residential providers*
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-licensing-residential-faq.pdf>

NJ Coronavirus Update 3.30.20

National

- *March 29- Trump extends social distancing guidelines until April 30.*
<https://www.businessinsider.com/trump-presser-extends-social-distancing-guidelines-until-april-30-2020-3>
- *March 28- Advisory memorandum on identification of essential critical infrastructure workers during covid-19 response (document)*
https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CISA_Guidance_on_the_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workforce_Version_2.0_Updated.pdf

General

- **Presumptive Positive- 16,636**
- **Deaths- 198**
- **Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)**
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- **March 30- Press event** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9IUyqU0Zns>
 - o Federal government will be sending 300 ventilators to NJ
 - o Looking toward “coventing” and using two people per ventilator
 - o Changes to EO 107
 - Home deliveries allowed for microbreweries
 - Auto dealerships will be allowed online and remote sales and dealers will be able to deliver vehicles directly to customers
 - Allows realtors to show houses to prospective buyers on one on one basis and immediate families
 - Golf courses are closed and will remain closed as recreational business
 - Firearms will be able to operate on limited hours in light of federal guidance
 - o **Question asked about South Jersey Toll Hearings.**
 - Governor responded that he was fine as long as they were being streamed, no in-person meeting, and there was a toll-free number for public to take comments.

Department of Human Services

- **March 30- Protocol for use of Investigational Drugs for COVID-19 treatment**
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/Protocol%20for%20the%20use%20of%20Investigational%20Drugs%20for%20the%20Treatment%20of%20COVID%20FINAL.pdf>
- **March 30- Guidance for Service Claims**
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/NEWSLETTER-COVID-19%20AS%20OF%203-26-2020.pdf>
- **March 30- SNAP and WFNJ Updates** <https://www.childcarenj.gov/SocialServices>

Office of Attorney General

- **March 30- U.S. Attorney Carpentino, AG Grewal, Acting Comptroller Walsh Announce Federal-State Covid-19 Fraud Task Force** <https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/us-attorney-carpentino-ag-grewal-acting-comptroller-walsh-announce-federal-state-covid-19>

NJ Economic Development Authority

- **March 30- NJEDA Announces Agencies Selected to Offer Technical Assistance to COVID-19 Impacted Small Businesses Applying for SBA Funding** <https://www.njeda.com/Press-Room/News-Articles/Press-Releases/NJEDA-Announces-Agencies-Selected-to-Offer-Technic>

NJ State Legislature

- **March 30- Holzapfel, McGuckin & Catalano: Toll Hike Hearings are wrong during public health crisis** <https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/district10/holzapfel-mcguckin-catalano-toll-hike-hearings-are-wrong-during-public-health-crisis/47171>

- March 30- Bergen Drumming up support to aid NJ economy
<https://www.njassemblygop.com/bergen-drumming-up-support-to-aid-new-jersey-economy/>

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National

- March 27- Trump signs economic stimulus package
 - o See attached for information

General

- Presumptive Positive- 11,124
- Deaths- 140
- *Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)*
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>
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Governor

- March 28- Press event https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtWXUL4x_1w
- March 28- Governor Murphy signs executive order directing health care facilities to report data, including PPE inventory and bed capacity on daily basis
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200328d.shtml>
 - o EO 111 <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-111.pdf>
- March 28- Murphy announces mortgage payment relief, Financial Protections for New Jerseyans Facing Economic Hardship as a result of Covid-19
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200328c.shtml>
- March 28- Governor murphy announces new funding sources to assist health care providers with Covid-19 Related expenses
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200328a.shtml>
- March 27- MVC Agencies Remain Closed to the Public Two more weeks
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200327c.shtml>

NJ State Legislature

- March 28- O'SCANLON, DIMASO & SCHARFENBERGER CALL FOR IMMEDIATE STOP TO TOLL HIKE PROPOSALS https://www.govnetnj.com/GOV/rel_s?i=124340
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National

- **March 27- House passes \$2 trillion coronavirus bill**
 - o **Passed Senate previously**
 - **Bill Text** <https://www.politico.com/f/?id=00000171-1429-d270-a773-777f92a00000>
 - **Summary of Major bill components** <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/03/25/whats-in-stimulus-package-coronavirus-149282>
 - **Relief for farmers, ranchers-** 24 billion
 - **Emergency assistance for schools-** 30 billion
 - **Distilleries-** Distilleries received a temporary exemption from an excise tax for alcohol they use to make hand sanitizer that's produced and distributed within Food and Drug Administration guidelines.
 - **Food stamps and child nutrition-** 25 billion
 - **Postal service-** \$10 billion Treasury loan to stave off total insolvency, but not a direct infusion of emergency cash.
 - **Retail tax-** Retailers, restaurateurs and hotels will be able to immediately deduct from their taxes what they spend on property improvements.
 - **Cruise industry-** No relief.
 - **Telemedicine-** \$200 million for boosting Skype-style health checkups by investing in services and devices that help health care providers connect remotely with patients.
 - **Oil industry-** No relief
 - **Employers and self-employed individuals-** Ability to defer the 6.2 percent tax they pay on wages that is used to fund Social Security.
 - **Insurers-** No relief.
 - **Pentagon-** The Defense Department would field an infusion of \$10.5 billion, including \$1.5 billion for the National Guard to deploy up to 20,000 on-call soldiers to help state response teams fight the coronavirus over the next six months. The bill would also spend \$415 million on research and development work at the Pentagon, aimed at developing vaccines and antiviral medicine.
 - **State and local governments-** 150 billion for state and local governments, with \$8 billion set aside for local governments
 - **Businesses:** Tax credit for keeping idled workers on their payrolls during the coronavirus pandemic, so long as the businesses meet certain criteria. They would get a refund for half of what they spend on wages, up to \$5,000 per worker.
 - **Airlines:** 58 billion. Airlines would receive \$29 billion in grants, and \$29 billion in loans and loan guarantees, as well as a reprieve from paying three of their major excise taxes on the price of a ticket, the fuel tax and a cargo tax. That funding comes with strings, though — no stock buybacks, and limits on executive compensation, to start. Half the funds would go toward “the continuation of payment of employee wages, salaries, and benefits” while the other half would go to loans and loan guarantees for passenger airlines, repair stations and ticket agents — subject to conditions.
 - **Hospitals:** Health care providers would secure \$100 billion in grants to help fight the coronavirus and make up for dollars they have lost by delaying elective surgeries and other procedures to focus on the

outbreak. They would also get a 20 percent bump in Medicare payments for treating patients with the virus.

- **Taxpayers:** All U.S. residents with adjusted gross income up to \$75,000 (\$150,000 for married couples) would get a \$1,200 (\$2,400 for couples) “rebate” payment. They are also eligible for an additional \$500 per child. The payments would start phasing out for earners above those income thresholds and would not go to single filers earning more than \$99,000; head-of-household filers with one child, more than \$146,500; and more than \$198,000 for joint filers with no children
- **President Trump is expected to sign.**

General

- **Presumptive Positive- 8,825**
- **Deaths- 108**
- **Insider NJ COVID-19 Information Center (Updated in Real Time)**
<https://www.insidernj.com/insidernj-covid19-information-update-center/>

Governor

- **March 27- Press event** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrVskr5jjk0>
 - **Authorized advance payment of over 140 million dollars for healthcare providers to help expand capacity**
 - **Ralph Lauren; Goldman Sachs; Apple are being good corporate citizens**
- **March 26- Transcript of Press Event**
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200326d.shtml>
- **March 26- Governor Murphy Announces New Website for Reporting or Donating PPE Inventory** <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200326c.shtml>

NJ Department of Human Services

- **March 27- NJ Human Services Announces \$70 Million in Food Assistance for Vulnerable Families in New Jersey** <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200327a.shtml>

NJ State Legislature

- **March 27- Senator Declan O’Scanlon, Assemblywoman Serena DiMaso, and Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger (all R-Monmouth) today issued a statement calling for Governor Murphy to institute certain temporary public health law changes to protect healthcare workers from undue civil liability:** <https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/monmouth-county-lawmakers-call-temporary-public-health-law-changes-amid-medical-crisis/>
- **March 27-Gopal seek tougher penalties on fake medical supply scammers**
<https://newjerseyglobe.com/legislature/gopal-seek-tougher-penalties-on-fake-medical-supply-scammers/>

Articles

- **March 27: Prism Capital Partners donates safety gear to Hackensack Meridian Health**
<https://njbiz.com/prism-capital-partners-donates-safety-gear-hackensack-meridian-health/>

- *March 27: No discussions about early marijuana legalization in face of COVID-19 crisis*
<https://newjerseyglobe.com/governor/no-discussions-about-early-marijuana-legalization-in-face-of-covid-19-crisis-murphy-says/>
- *March 27: Apartment Association said using existing rent relief program makes more sense—and will be easier to implement*
https://www.roi-nj.com/2020/03/27/real_estate/suspend-all-rent-payments-this-might-be-a-better-idea/
- *March 27: Gloucester County Office of Emergency Management seeks PPE donations*
<https://www.insidernj.com/gloucester-county-office-emergency-management-seeks-ppe-donations/>
- *March 27: Ocean County Closes Mantoloking Bridge County Park and Fishing Pier*
<https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/ocean-county-closes-mantoloking-bridge-county-park-fishing-pier/>
- *March 27: Ocean County Establishes Decontamination Site for Emergency Response Vehicles*
<https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/ocean-county-establishes-decontamination-site-emergency-response-vehicles/>
- *March 27: Asbury Park will shut down boardwalk but let public access to beach*
<https://www.app.com/story/news/local/communitychange/2020/03/27/asbury-park-shut-down-its-boardwalk-but-let-public-access-beach/2921963001/>
- *March 27: Ventnor prohibits short-term rentals during coronavirus shutdown*
<https://www.downbeach.com/2020/03/27/ventnor-prohibits-short-term-rentals-during-coronavirus-shutdown/>

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General

- **Presumptive Positive- 6876**
- **Deaths- 81**

Governor

- *March 26- Press Event* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouXhrtz-1Mk>
 - *Mass center sites will be accepting symptomatic EMS/Healthcare/Law Enforcement officers only this Saturday.*
 - *Major Disaster Emergency Declaration granted from feds which will bring in more federal dollars* <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200326a.shtml>
 - *Governor's request*
http://d31hzlkh6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200326/86/70/ce/ee/760f4726f99a4a6a6b8402d5/SUMMARY_4488-DR.pdf
 - *March 25 Transcript*
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200325d.shtml>
 - *March 25: EO 110* <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-110.pdf>

Economic Development Authority

- *March 26- NJEDA Announces New Initiatives to Support Businesses Impacted by COVID19*
<https://www.njeda.com/Press-Room/News-Articles/Press-Releases/NJEDA-Announces-New-Initiatives-to-Support-Busines>

- *More information about the programs is available here: <https://cv.business.nj.gov>*

Department of Labor

- *35,000 job openings on jobs portal. Accessed by over 230,000 job seekers.*
- *Over 150,000 unemployment claims last week*

NJ State Legislature

- *March 26- OROHO AND WIRTHS DRIVE HOME NEED TO OPEN CAR DEALERSHIPS
<https://www.njassemblygop.com/oroho-and-wirths-drive-home-need-to-open-car-dealerships/>*

Articles

- *March 26- NJ Pensions loses billions <https://njbiz.com/welcome-ad/?retUrl=/nj-pension-loses-billions-covid-19-slams-economy-global-markets/>*
- *March 26- PATCO cutting schedules, eliminating stops due to coronavirus ridership slump
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/03/patco-cutting-schedules-eliminating-stops-due-to-coronavirus-ridership-slump.html>*
- *March 26- These retailers are using their manufacturing facilities to make masks and hospital equipment <https://www.nj.com/business/2020/03/these-retailers-are-using-their-manufacturing-facilities-to-make-masks-and-equipment.html>*

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General

- **Presumptive Positive- 4402**
- **Deaths- 62**

Governor

- *March 25- Press Event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Th7EeVQwlRs>*
 - *Essex county opening drive-thru testing for county residents only*
 - *18,403 acute care beds is current capacity*
 - *Goal is to add 2000+ beds over next few weeks*
 - *Executive order: Daycares must certify that will only watch kids of essential workers. Those who don't certify will have to close.*
 - *Merck donating 300,000 masks*
- *March 24- Press Transcript
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200324c.shtml>*
- *March 24- Murphy announces additions to Essential retail businesses
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200324b.shtml>*
 - *Administrative order
http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200324/bd/32/3d/02/44124f153e65683019df5298/admin_order_2020-5_cell_phone__002_.pdf*

Department of Labor

- **March 25- Financial Assistance Available for Employees, Businesses Impacted by COVID-19**
<https://www.nj.gov/labor/lwdhome/press/2020/20200325resources.shtml>

Department of Human Services

- **March 25- Emergency monthly payment Policy under COVID19 state of Emergency and SFY 20 Contract Extension**
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/2%20COVID%2019%20Emergency%20Payments%20Guidance%20Document%20for%20Providers.pdf>
 - o **Attestation Letter** <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/>
- **March 25- COVID Emergency Payments Mental Health Consumer/Client Roster**
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/4%20COVID%2019%20Emergency%20Payments%20-%20Client%20Roster%20-%20MH%20Only%20Final.xlsx>
- **March 23-Provider Agency Cover Letter**
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/1%20COVID%2019%20Provider%20Letter.pdf>

Department of Banking and Insurance

- **March 24- Bulletin 20-08 RE: Temporary external appeal application procedures for independent health care appeals program** https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_08.pdf

Office of the Attorney General

- **March 25- Letters to Amazon, Walmart, eBay, Craigslist and Facebook Point to Additional Strategies to Combat Disaster-Related Price Increases**
<https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases20/pr20200325a.html> (Letters available via link)

NJ State Legislature

The General Assembly, pursuant to P.L. 2020 c. 2, held an electronic voting session on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. The General Assembly passed the following bills:

- **A3901 (Chiaravalloti / Kennedy / Speight)** - Permits professional and occupational licensing boards to reactivate licensure of certain individuals during state of emergency or public health emergency. **(Passed)**
- **A3902 (Wimberly / Coughlin / Armato)** - Permits extension of certain deadlines applicable to local government units under emergency circumstances. **(Passed)**
- **A3903 (Downey / Houghtaling / Swain)** - Authorizes notaries public to perform certain notarial acts remotely during certain public health and State of emergency. **(Passed)**
- **A3904 (Burzichelli / Schepisi / Lampitt)** - Permits use of virtual or remote instruction to meet minimum 180-day school year requirement under certain circumstances. **(Passed)**
- **S2304 / A3900 (Sweeney / Scutari)** - Concerns family leave and disability benefits during epidemic-related emergencies **(Passed)**

Articles

- *March 25-NJ breweries scramble to get OK for home deliveries*
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/03/nj-breweries-scrambling-to-get-ok-for-home-delivery-amid-coronavirus-chaos.html>
- *March 25- BPU Proposal Looks to Prompt Utilities to Get Customers to Use Less Energy*
<https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/03/bpu-proposal-looks-to-prompt-utilities-to-get-customers-to-use-less-energy/>
- *March 18- A copy of a letter that the Plastics Industry Association sent to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services last week requesting a public statement from the department endorsing the idea that single-use plastics are the safest choice amid the pandemic*
<https://www.politico.com/states/f/?id=00000171-0d87-d270-a773-6fdfcc4d0000>

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General

- **Presumptive Positive- 3675**
- **Deaths- 44**

Governor

- *March 24- Press Event* <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200324a.shtml>
 - o *Need 100% compliance. All firms that can work from home must do so.*
 - o *Suspension of State Standardized Testing. No impact on graduation.*
 - o *No news on budget. Awaiting answer from federal government on money.*
 - o *If utilities don't voluntarily refrain from shutoffs, it will be mandated. Utilities have until tomorrow to confirm with DEP.*
 - o *Terrorist threat charge against individual who intentionally coughed on someone and then claimed to have coronavirus*
 - o *Will be making a decision soon about daycares as it relates to first responder/ health care professional community*
 - o *Q: Why are liquor stores considered essential?*
 - *Concern with those suffering from addiction and negative impact*
- *March 24- NJ Launches Job Portal to Connect Out-of-Work Residents to Opportunities in Critical Industries* <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200324a.shtml>
 - o *Employers in critical industries should submit information about openings with urgent hiring needs related to COVID19 here: <https://jobs.covid19.nj.gov/intake>.*
- *March 23- Transcript briefing*
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200323h.shtml>
- *March 23- Treasury Freezes Nearly a Billion Dollars in Spending as Fiscal Uncertainty Over COVID-19 Mounts* <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200323g.shtml>
 - o *Voluntary Disclosure* <https://emma.msrb.org/ER1318670-ER1027550-ER1434215.pdf>

Department of Health

- *March 23- New Jersey Department of Health Announces Waivers for Medical Marijuana Alternative Treatment Centers, Caregivers*
<https://www.nj.gov/health/news/2020/approved/20200323a.shtml>

Department of Human Services

- **March 23- CMS Approval of NJ Section 1135 Waiver Requests**
<https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/disaster-response-toolkit/federal-disaster-resources/?entry=54033>

Office of the Attorney General

- **March 24- As COVID-19 Cases Increase, NJ Bureau of Securities Takes Steps to Facilitate Social Distancing Among Financial Professionals (Emergency Order)**
<https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases20/pr20200324a.html>

NJ State Legislature

The General Assembly, pursuant to P.L. 2020 c. 2, will have an electronic voting session on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. The General Assembly voting session will begin at 2:00 PM. Please be prepared to consider the following bills:

- *A3901 (Chiaravalloti / Kennedy / Speight) - Permits professional and occupational licensing boards to reactivate licensure of certain individuals during state of emergency or public health emergency.*
- *A3902 (Wimberly / Coughlin / Armato) - Permits extension of certain deadlines applicable to local government units under emergency circumstances.*
- *A3903 (Downey / Houghtaling / Swain) - Authorizes notaries public to perform certain notarial acts remotely during certain public health and State of emergency.*
- *A3904 (Burzichelli / Schepisi / Lampitt) - Permits use of virtual or remote instruction to meet minimum 180-day school year requirement under certain circumstances.*
- *S2304 / A3900 (Sweeney / Scutari) - Concerns family leave and disability benefits during epidemic-related emergencies*

Articles

- **March 24 This supermarket chain is installing Plexiglas barriers, social distancing floor markings to combat coronavirus** <https://www.nj.com/atlantic/2020/03/this-supermarket-chain-is-installing-plexiglas-barriers-doing-deep-cleans-to-combat-coronavirus.html>
- **March 24 N.J. gets 1,400 coronavirus price gouging complaints for 900 businesses. Here's how to file a report.** <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/03/nj-gets-1400-coronavirus-price-gouging-complaints-for-900-businesses-heres-how-to-file-a-report.html>
- **March 24- Camden County Self-Serve Ban: Take WAWA's lead**
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/03/take-wawas-lead-and-stop-the-self-serve-drinks-and-food-we-mean-it-officials-say.html>
- **March 24- N.J. nursing home with 11 cases of coronavirus to close, move patients to another facility** <https://www.nj.com/middlesex/2020/03/nj-nursing-home-with-8-cases-of-coronavirus-to-close-move-patients-to-another-facility.html>
- **March 24- Where NJ's 4 New pop-up hospitals will be located**
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/03/heres-where-njs-4-new-pop-up-hospitals-for-coronavirus-surge-will-be-located.html>
- **March 24- New Jersey Assembly set to make history with remote voting session**
<https://www.politico.com/states/new-jersey/story/2020/03/24/new-jersey-assembly-set-to-make-history-with-remote-voting-session-1268837>

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General

- Presumptive Positive- 2844
- Deaths- 27

Governor

- March 23- Press Event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozj5w3EE7uI>
- Executive Order 109: Suspension of all elective surgeries, invasive procedures to preserve essential equipment and hospital capacity <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-109.pdf>
 - o Press release <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200323b.shtml>
- March 23- All water providers asked to suspend shut-offs during outbreak <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200323a.shtml>
- March 23- Murphy administration sends letter directing commercial laboratories to report all COVID19 test results to the department of health <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200323c.shtml>
 - o Copy of letter http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200323/4c/17/28/0a/1d51a4bd8114feb9a9af02cd/NJ_Memo_to_Labs_Final.pdf
- March 22- Press briefing Transcript: <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200322c.shtml>

NJ State Legislature

The General Assembly, pursuant to P.L. 2020 c. 2, will have an electronic voting session on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. The General Assembly voting session will begin at 2:00 PM. Please be prepared to consider the following bills:

- A3901 (Chiaravalloti / Kennedy / Speight) - Permits professional and occupational licensing boards to reactivate licensure of certain individuals during state if emergency or public health emergency.
- A3902 (Wimberly / Coughlin / Armato) - Permits extension of certain deadlines applicable to local government units under emergency circumstances.
- A3903 (Downey / Houghtaling / Swain) - Authorizes notaries public to perform certain notarial acts remotely during certain public health and State of emergency.
- A3904 (Burzichelli / Schepisi / Lampitt) - Permits use of virtual or remote instruction to meet minimum 180-day school year requirement under certain circumstances.
- S2304 / A3900 (Sweeney / Scutari) - Concerns family leave and disability benefits during epidemic-related emergencies

The general public may listen to the voting session remotely at <https://www.njleg.state.nj.us>.

- March 23- Top doctors join Pennachio's call to use hydroxychloroquine to combat spread of Covid-19

<https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/pennacchio/top-doctors-join-pennacchios-call-to-use-hydroxychloroquine-to-combat-spread-of-covid-19/47005>

- **March 23- As businesses struggle amid covid-19, Bergen calls for more state help**
<https://www.njassemblygop.com/as-businesses-struggle-amid-covid-19-bergen-calls-for-more-state-help/>
- **March 23- DiMaio urges temporary ban on reusable bags**
<https://www.njassemblygop.com/dimaio-urges-not-using-reusable-grocery-bags-to-combat-spread-of-covid-19/>
- **March 22- Sweeney Calls for Two-month moratorium, loan, utility payments during economic lockdown** <https://www.njsendems.org/sweeney-calls-for-two-month-moratorium-on-mortgage-loan-utility-payments-during-economic-lockdown/>

Attorney General

- **March 23- AG Grewel, DOH Commissioner Announce Guidance for Healthcare Providers on Safely Evaluating Patients for COVID-19**
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200323d.shtml>
 - o **Guidance** <https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases20/COVID-19-Outpatient-Provider-Guidance.pdf>
- **March 23- Legal consequences for those individuals who don't comply**
 - o **Disorderly persons ranging from 2-4th degree indictable offenses**
 - o **Pursuing charges against**
 - **Individuals who violate stay at home orders**
 - **Businesses participating in price gouging**
 - **Hate crimes**
 - o **Low-level offenders will be considered for release to prevent spread of coronavirus in county jails**

Department of Human Services

- **March 23- Mental Health Telephone Support Available During COVID-19 Outbreak**
<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/press/2020/approved/20200323b.html>

NJ Coronavirus Update 3.22. 20

General

- **Presumptive Positive- 1914**
- **Deaths- 20**

Governor

- **March 22- Governor Murphy Announces Departmental Actions to Expand Access to Telehealth and Tele-Mental Health Services in Response to COVID-19**
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200322b.shtml>
- **March 22- Governor Murphy Announces Opening of COVID-19 Testing Site for New Jerseyans at PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel**
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200322a.shtml>

- **March 21-** TRANSCRIPT: March 21st, 2020 Coronavirus Briefing Media <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200321c.shtml>
- **Murphy to announce more social distancing measures**

Department of Banking and Insurance

- **March 22- Bulletin 20-07: Use of Telemedicine and Telehealth to Respond to the Covid-19 Pandemic** https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_07.pdf

Department of Treasury

- **March 22- Horizon Telemedicine** <http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200322/4d/3f/ee/a1/02c34dcc92ed044890c959fa/shbp-horizon-careonline-guide.pdf>

Department of Human Services

- **March 21 – Newsletter To Address NJ FamilyCare Requirements for the Provision of Telehealth Services Under New Legislation and Corresponding Waivers** <https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/Temporary%20Telehealth%20Medicaid%20Newsletter%20FINAL.pdf>

Department of Children and Families

- **Coronavirus Webpage** https://www.nj.gov/dcf/coronavirus_contractedproviders.html

General

- **Presumptive Positive- 1327**
- **Deaths- 16**

Governor

- **March 21- New website** [Covid19.nj.gov](https://www.covid19.nj.gov)
- **March 21- Press event** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyboDWnQVYM>
 - o **Executive order 107- closure of all non-essential retail businesses. Statewide stay-at-home order. Effective 9pm.**
 - **Disorderly conduct charges for violators**
 - **Work at construction sites may continue (all kinds of construction)**
 - **All gatherings are cancelled.**
 - **Exceptions:**
 - **Grocery stores, farmer's markets and farms that sell directly to customers, and other food stores, including retailers that offer a varied assortment of foods comparable to what exists at a grocery store;**
 - **Pharmacies and medical marijuana dispensaries;**
 - **Medical supply stores;**
 - **Gas stations;**

- *Convenience stores;*
 - *Ancillary stores within healthcare facilities;*
 - *Hardware and home improvement stores;*
 - *Banks and other financial institutions;*
 - *Laundromats and dry-cleaning services;*
 - *Stores that principally sell supplies for children under five years;*
 - *Pet stores;*
 - *Liquor stores;*
 - *Car dealerships, but only for auto maintenance and repair, and auto mechanics;*
 - *Printing and office supply shops;*
 - *Mail and delivery stores.*
- *March 21-Executive order 107 <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-107.pdf>*
 - *March 21- Executive order 108: social distancing orders trump all county and local orders <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-108.pdf>*
 - *March 20- Murphy signs legislation to prohibit employers from terminating or refusing to reinstate an employee who misses work due to an infectious disease <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200320f.shtml>*
 - *March 20- Murphy takes action on legislation <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200320f.shtml>*
 - *March 20- Coronavirus Briefing Transcript <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200320h.shtml>*

NJ State Legislature

- *The General Assembly will have an electronic voting session on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. The General Assembly voting session will begin at 2:00 PM. Please be prepared to consider the attached list of bills.*
 - *S2304 / A3900 (Sweeney / Scutari / Sumter / Chaparro / Quijano) - Concerns family leave and disability benefits during epidemic-related emergencies.*

Department of Banking and Insurance

- *March 20- Bulletin No. 20-0: Covid-19 Matters https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_05.pdf*
- *March 20- Bulletin No. 20-06: No action position regarding temporarily working from home due to covid-19 https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_06.pdf*

Department of Human Services

- *March 20- Governor highlights importance of DSPs, Home Health Aides and Front Line Workers During Covid-19 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4oxHtzefHBs>*

NJ Coronavirus Update 3.20. 20

General

- Presumptive Positive Cases- 890
- Deaths- 11

Governor

- **March 20- Press event** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wp68NVto8Hg>
 - *Bergen county test site completed 600 tests today*
 - *Monmouth county testing center opens at 8am on Monday*
 - *Partnership with NJ Private labs to expand testing (BioReference and Lab Corp)*
 - *Private labs looking at testing for first responders*
 - *Telehealth co-pays will be waived.*
 - *“Within next 24 hours, will tighten social distancing measures...”*
 - *Will include closure of non-essential businesses (still working on definition)*
 - *Mentioned “almost certainly” limiting gatherings to 10 people or possibly no gatherings at all during*
 - *“Our way or the high way time”- might take recommended curfew and social distancing measures beyond a recommendation.*
 - *NJ and other regional states are asking federal government for 100 billion for immediate relief*
 - *Closure of adult day care centers*
- **March 20- Regional Coalition Requests a Direct Cash Assistance Program of At Least 100 Billion in Response to Financial Impact of Covid19**
<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200320b.shtml>
 - **Coalition Letter**
http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200320/25/d5/4b/6a/27da97f2c19a7ce8647e0b45/Join_ltr_to_Pres_Trump_w_Signatures_.pdf
- **March 20- AG Grewal: NJ Temporarily Waives Rules for Out of State Healthcare Providers to Offer Services to NJ Residents During COVID-19 Emergency**
<https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases20/pr20200320a.html>
- **March 20- Governor Murphy Announces New Partnerships with Private Sector to Increase COVID 19 Testing Capacity**
<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200320c.shtml>
- **March 20: Murphy Administration announces waiver for COVID-19 Testing Services for Uninsured**
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200320a.shtml>
- **March 19- Transcript from Press Event**
<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200319d.shtml>
- **March 19- Governor Murphy Signs legislation to expand telehealth Access and expedite licensure of out of state professionals**
<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200319e.shtml>
- **March 19- Governor Takes action on legislation**
<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200319f.shtml>

Department of Human Services

- **March 19- NJ Familycare/Medicaid Letter to CMS**
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/NJ%201135%20Submission%203%2019%2020.pdf>
- **March 18- Emergency and Disaster Child Care Policy**
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/FINAL%20Policy%20Snapshot%20-%20Emergency%20and%20Disaster%20Child%20Care%20Policy%203-18-20.pdf>

Department of Health

- *Looking at Plainfield facility for 200 beds in 4-5 weeks.*
- *March 16- 1135 letter to CMS*
[https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/1135Waiver%20signed%20by%20DOH%203-16-2020\[2\]\[2\]\[1\].pdf](https://nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/1135Waiver%20signed%20by%20DOH%203-16-2020[2][2][1].pdf)

Department of Banking and Insurance

- *March 20- Bulletin 20-04 Disruption resulting from Covid19*
https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_04.pdf

Office of Attorney General

- *March 19- AG Grewal Issues Directive to Law Enforcement on Appropriate Use of COVID-19 Information from Public Health Officers*
<https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases20/pr20200319b.html>
<https://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases20/COVID19-LE-Directive.pdf> (Directive)

NJ State Legislature

- *Assembly is expected to have a quorum on Monday and a voting session on Wednesday to take up additional coronavirus legislation. This is expected be done remotely. (Unconfirmed)*
- *March 20- O'SCANLON & DIMASO: PNC TESTING SITE IN WORKS, WON'T OPEN Until Formal Announcement*
<https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/district13/oscanlon-dimaso-pnc-testing-site-in-works-wont-open-until-formal-announcement/46960>

Businesses

- *Guidance for NJ Businesses (Updated Daily)*
<https://faq.business.nj.gov/en/collections/2198378-information-for-nj-businesses-on-the-coronavirus-outbreak>
- *March 20- New Jersey Coronavirus: IKEA, Gap Among Growing Store Closures (List of chain closures in NJ and List will continue to be updated)* <https://patch.com/new-jersey/mendham-chester/new-jersey-coronavirus-ikea-gap-among-growing-store-closures>
- *NJ Restaurants/Bars Downsize 90 percent of Staff*
<http://njbmagazine.com/njb-news-now/nj-restaurants-bars-downsize-90-percent-of-staff/>

Articles

- *March 20- South Jersey First Responders Protect, Serve in the Coronavirus Pandemic*
<https://www.govnetnj.com/GOV/website?&url=http://www.burlingtoncountytimes.com/news/20200320/on-front-lines-of-unknown-south-jersey-first-responders-protect-serve-in-coronavirus-pandemic>

- **March 20- Warren First Responders in Need of Sanitizer, Wipes, Masks**
<https://www.govnetnj.com/GOV/website?&url=http://patch.com/new-jersey/warren/warren-first-responders-need-santizer-wipes-masks>
- **March 20- NJ's 1st major coronavirus testing site hits capacity after just 4 hours**
https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/03/njs-1st-major-coronavirus-testing-site-hits-capacity-shuts-down-after-just-4-hours.html?fbclid=IwAR0d7IscX_kpVlvS3tA8UqLqNQg5tCRw3o2GA1M6IGuh_-BPfZ1Bmlu5LUw
- **March 20- NJ may release some jail inmates as coronavirus spreads behind bars**
<https://www.nj.com/politics/2020/03/nj-may-release-some-jail-inmates-as-coronavirus-spreads-behind-bars.html>

NJ Coronavirus Update 3.19.20

General

- **Presumptive Positive Cases- 742**
- **Deaths- 9**

Governor

- **March 19- Press event**
 - **Executive order on elections (Press Release)**
(<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200319a.shtml>)
 - **Executive Order no. 105** (<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-105.pdf>)
 - **Closure of personal care businesses**
 - Hair salons, tattoo parlors, social clubs, nail salons, barbershops effective 8pm
- **March 19- Governor Murphy Announces Opening of COVID-19 Testing Site for New Jerseyans at Bergen County Community College**
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200319b.shtml>
- **March 19- Governor Murphy Enacts Moratorium on Removals of Individuals Due to Evictions or Foreclosures**
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200319c.shtml>

NJ State Legislature

- **The State Senate voted on Coronavirus bill package. Bills sent to Governor for signing.**
 - **S2285 (Singleton)** Provides paid leave without utilizing accumulated leave time for local government employees under certain circumstances (**HELD**)
- **March 19- Sweeney Calls for Suspension of Cancellation Fees**
<https://www.njsendems.org/sweeney-calls-for-the-suspension-of-cancellation-fees/>

NJ Coronavirus Update 3.18.20

General

- **Presumptive Positive Cases- 427**
- **Deaths- 5**

Governor

- **March 18- Press event**
 - o No new social distancing measures but nothing is off the table
 - o Called for Flexible federal block grants and forgivable loans.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72YIO-obxRA>
 - o Transcript
<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200318e.shtml>
- **March 18- NJ Expands COVID-19 Call Center Options**
<https://www.nj.gov/health/news/2020/approved/20200318a.shtml>
- **March 18- Pennsylvania Joins New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut's regional coalition to combat coronavirus**
<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200318c.shtml>
- **March 17- Murphy Requests support of U.S Military and Army Corps of Engineers**
<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200317c.shtml>

NJ State Legislature

- **The State Senate will be voting on the 25+ bill package tomorrow. The Senate Judiciary will also be meeting.**

NJ Department of Human Services

- **March 18- Murphy, Commissioner Johnson Announce New Amendments to Child Care Subsidy Program in Response to Spread of CoVid-19.**
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200318b.shtml>
- **March 18- NJ Human Services Works to Protect & Help Maintain Continued Benefits for Residents Amid COVID-19 Outbreak**
<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/press/2020/approved/20200318b.html>

NJ Department of Health

March 18- DOH Commissioner talked about Executive directive allowing licensed paramedics to enhance and supplement nursing staff during Governor Press Event

- ***“Additionally, I signed an executive directive yesterday that would authorize hospitals to use New Jersey-certified mobile intensive care paramedics in their hospital settings to perform function and duties within their scope of practice to enhance and supplement the existing medical and nursing staff.”***

NJ Department of Labor

- **March 18- Labor Department Closes One-Stops to Customers due to CoVid-19**
https://www.nj.gov/labor/lwdhome/press/2020/20200318_onestopclosure.shtml

NJ Board of Public Utilities

- **March 18: Notice- On Thursday, March 19, 2020, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) will be convening an emergency meeting via telephone at 10:00 a.m. regarding:**

- **DOCKET NO. EO20030254 – IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR A TEMPORARY WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN NON-ESSENTIAL OBLIGATIONS**

<https://www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/publicnotice/Notice%20Emergency%20Board%20Meeting%203-19-20.pdf>

NJ Coronavirus Update 3.17.20

General

- **Presumptive Positive Cases- 267**
- **Deaths- 3**

Governor

- **Press Event**
 - State government will override local and county actions to maintain consistent approach if needed
 - Closure of all amusement parks, malls, indoor shopping centers. Restaurants with own entrance can stay open. Effective 8pm.
 - Encourage banks to work directly with small businesses and mortgagors to defer loan payments
 - Saw a record number of unemployment insurance applications and crashed the system
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9jBgBiwdKU>

Office of Emergency Management

- FEMA incident response team arrived this morning
- Supplies should be in New Jersey by tomorrow
- Each site will have capacity 2500 kits.

New Jersey Department of Labor

- **March 16: Scenarios and Benefits Chart** <https://www.nj.gov/labor/assets/PDFs/COVID-19%20SCENARIOS.pdf>
- **March 16: COVID-19 FAQs for Benefits** <https://www.nj.gov/labor/worker-protections/earnedsick/covid.shtml>

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

- Accepting rental assistance applications
- Landlords do not have to worry about receiving their rent

New Jersey Department of Health

- **March 17: Updated Travel alert** <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID-19-Travel-Alert03042020.pdf>

- **March 16: Updated [Technical Bulletin 20.1.4: Testing for COVID-19 PUIs](#)**

New Jersey Department of Human Services

- **March 17- Modification of WFNJ/SNAP Requirements for COVID-19 Preparedness**
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/documents/covid/MODIFICATION%20OF%20WFNJ%20SNAP%20REQUIREMENTS%20FOR%20COVID19%20PREPAREDNESS.pdf>
- **March 17- Updated Guidance for Opioid Treatment Programs Updated Guidance for Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)**
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/documents/covid/OTP%20Updated%20Guidelines%20March%2017%202020.pdf>
- **March 17- COVID-19:COOP,Crisis and Communications Management Essentials**
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/documents/covid/COVID-19%20COOP%20FOR%20PROVIDERS-FINAL%20VERSION.pdf>

NJ Legislature

- All committees for rest of March have been cancelled.
 - o Assembly met on Monday to hear and pass 25+Coronavirus bill package
 - o Senate expected to meet Thursday/Friday to hear and vote on 25+ Coronavirus bill package.

NJ Coronavirus Update 3.16.20

General

- **Presumptive Positive Cases-178 Cases**

Governor

- **March 16: Executive Order 104- Social distancing policy.**
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-104.pdf>
- **March 16: Press Event**
 - o **Executive order:** School Closure (2 weeks+)
 - o **Curfew:** 8pm-5am recommended
 - o **Business Closures:** Night clubs, gyms, classes, casinos, etc closure at 8pm until further notice
 - All other businesses close after 8pm
 - Bars and Restaurants: no eat-in. After 8pm may deliver and takeout orders only.
 - o **50+ gathering ban**
 - o **Mobilizing national guard**
 - o **Work from home policy for government employees**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQMiziHu6Z0>
- **March 16: Weekly Call with Trump**
 - o NJ is 1 one 12 students that will be standing up testing centers with FEMA
 - o Requested federal gov for Personal Protection Equipment

- **March 16-** Governors Cuomo (NY), Murphy (NJ), and Lamont (CT), have unveiled a regional plan which will impact their states.
 - <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200316a.shtml>
- **March 16-** *Statewide curfew 8pm-5am.* <https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/new-jersey/2020/03/16/nj-curfew-coronavirus-prompts-statewide-curfew-gov-murphy/5057576002/?csp=chromepush>
- **March 15th-** *MVC announces Closure for Two weeks due to Covid-19* <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200315c.shtml>
- **March 15th-** *Coronavirus Update Transcript* <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200315b.shtml>
- **March 15th-** *Governor Murphy Requests Federal Government Re-Open Affordable Care Act Enrollment in New Jersey in Response to COVID-19* <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200315a.shtml>
- **March 14th-** *New Jersey Department of Corrections suspends visitations to state Prisons and Halfway houses Statewide* <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200314b.shtml>
- **March 14th-** *NJMVC extends expiration dates for driver licenses, registrations and licenses* <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200314a.shtml>
- **March 16:** *Office of Emergency Management*
 - FEMA Sites in NJ
 - Bergen County Community College
 - PNC Bank Center
 - FEMA sending in support staff

LT. Governor

- **March 16:**
 - DCA will be working with community non-profits to address housing concerns
 - Division of Local Government Services will continue to provide technical support to municipalities

NJ Legislature

- ***NJ State assembly voted on and passed 25-bill package to respond to CoVid-19***
 - **A3095 (Mazzeo)**- Provides county clerks with additional week to mail ballots for 2020 primary election
 - **A3813**- Permits use of virtual or remote instruction to meet minimum 180-day school year requirement under certain circumstances.
 - **A3839 (Carter / Bramnick)** - Makes supplemental appropriation of \$10 million from General Fund to DOE to support school facility cleaning and sanitization
 - **A-3840**- Lampitt/Dunn-Requires school districts to provide school meals or meal vouchers to students eligible for free and reduced price school meals during school closures due to COVID-19 epidemic;
 - **A-3841**-Pintor Marin/Bramnick-Extends time to file gross income tax or corporation business tax return by one month
 - **A-3842-Burzichelli**-Establishes Bridging the Digital Divide in Schools Grant Program in DOE to provide and expand access to technology and equipment for students in certain school districts;

- **A-3843-McKeon/Bramnick-** Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing and treatment of coronavirus disease 2019, and for telemedicine during coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency;
- **A-3844- Freiman/Greenwald-**Concerns business interruption insurance during coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency;
- **A-3845-Freiman/Greenwald/Dancer-**Expands EDA small business loan program to include small businesses negatively affected by certain epidemics; makes \$25 million appropriation to EDA;
- **A-3846-Sumter-**Creates "Temporary Lost Wage Unemployment Program" to allow persons to claim for lost wages due to coronavirus disease 2019;
- **A-3847-Tully/DeCroce-**Provides paid leave without utilizing accumulated leave for local government employees under certain circumstances;
- **A-3848-Lopez/Munoz/Downey-**Concerns time off from work in connection with infectious disease;
- **A-3849-Johnson-**Permits public agency to respond to request for government record within 21 calendar days during period of emergency or other exigency;
- **A-3850-Murphy/DeCroce-**Allows local government agencies to meet electronically during declared Public Health Emergency or State of Emergency;
- **A-3851-Schaer/Scharfenberger-**Extends deadlines for adoption of county and municipal budgets under certain circumstances;
- **A3852**
- **A-3853-Jasey/Schepisi-**Establishes "COVID-19 Emergency Food Distribution Fund"; appropriates \$10,000,000 (**Held**)
- **A-3854-Conaway/Munoz-**Authorizes licensed health care facilities and laboratories to develop and administer coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) tests; allows waiver of staffing ratio requirements;
- **A-3855-Mosquera/Stanfield-**Requires food access information be displayed on websites of 2-1-1 system and executive branch departments during public health emergencies;
- **A-3856-Downey-**Makes FY2020 supplemental appropriation of \$10 million for residential facility sanitation due to coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak;
- **A-3857-Coughlin-**Makes FY2020 supplemental appropriation of \$5 million to Community Food Bank of New Jersey to provide meals for children who are out of school and received subsidized lunches;
- **A-3858-Mukherji-**Requires Commissioner of Human Services to issue supplemental cash assistance payments to recipients of certain public assistance programs under certain circumstances; makes appropriation;
- **A-3859-McKnight/Schepisi-**Concerns prohibition of residential tenant eviction and eviction due to residential foreclosure during certain emergency circumstances;
- **A-3860-Pinkin/DeCroce-**Facilitates use of telemedicine and telehealth to respond to public health emergencies
- **A-3861 (Karabinchak)-** Permits corporations to hold meetings by remote communications**
- **A3862 (Giblin)-** Concerns expedited licensing of certain individuals**
- **A3863 (Houghtaling)-** Extends petition filing deadline by two weeks for all candidates**
- **A3864 (Downey)-** Authorizes notary public to perform certain notarial acts remotely**
- **A3865 (Chaparro)-** Concerns return of items purchased from retail stores**
- **ACR-165-Mejia/Mazzeo-**Urges DHS to apply for federal waivers to facilitate and increase access to SNAP benefits during coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak;
- **AJR-158-DeAngelo/DePhillips-**Urges FCC to take temporary measures to secure broadband access for those affected by COVID-19.

** legislation was not on original agenda

- **Note:** Asm. Bergen Proposed that the speaker vote on his Sales Tax abatement bill during crises. OLS Estimate of 300 million dollars back into pockets of those affected. Assembly speaker will talk to Asm. Bergen after hearing is over to see how they can move going forward.

Department of Health

- **March 13- Surveillance Criteria and Testing for Novel Coronavirus**
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/Surveillance%20Criteria%20and%20Testing%20for%202019_nCoV_031420.pdf

Department of Human Services

- **March 16- FAQs on DDD Closures Related to COVID-19**
<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/documents/DDD-COVID19-FAQ-2020-03-16.pdf>
- **March 15- (Recently added)- DDD Guidance: Day Program Closures and Discontinued Community Outings Related to Covid-19** <https://nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/division-update-COVID19-03132020.pdf>
- **March 13- (Recently added)- DDD Division Update on COVID-19**
<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/documents/DDD-COVID19-FAQ-2020-03-16.pdf>

NJ Department of Environment Protection

- **March 16: Open Spaces at State Parks and Wildlife Management Areas Available for Passive Recreation; Enclosed Facilities, Campgrounds at State Parks, Forests, and Recreation Areas Closed** <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200316b.shtml>

Business

- **New Webpage to address business concerns. COVID-19/Novel Coronavirus Information for New Jersey Businesses** <https://faq.business.nj.gov/en/collections/2198378-covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information-for-new-jersey-businesses>

Articles

- **March 16- Jersey City orders major business closures as N.J. towns tighten coronavirus restrictions** <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/03/jersey-city-orders-major-business-closures-as-nj-towns-tighten-coronavirus-restrictions.html>
- **March 15- NJ State workers will be allowed to work from home amid coronavirus pandemic** <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/03/nj-state-workers-will-be-allowed-to-work-from-home-amid-coronavirus-pandemic.html>
- **March 15- NJ Communities Impose Curfews, Order Businesses closed as coronavirus rises to 98 cases.** <https://newyork.cbslocal.com/2020/03/15/coronavirus-update-new-jersey-bergen-teaneck-hoboken-curfew/>

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General

- 29 presumptive positive cases
- 1 death
- 74 negative tests completed

Governor

- **March 12- Governor Murphy Recommends Cancellation of All Public Gatherings of More than 250 individuals** <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200312a.shtml>
- **March 12- Lt. Governor and Commissioner update on Coronavirus** <https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/new-jersey/2020/03/12/coronavirus-update-nj-watch-officials-give-thursday-update/5033293002/>

NJ Legislature

- All the Assembly committee meetings have been cancelled for Monday, March 16th. Also, due to the Coronavirus, Senate committees are not open to the public and all testimony should be submitted electronically.

Department of Health

- **March 12- Governor Murphy Recommends Cancellation of All Public Gatherings of More than 250 individuals** <https://www.nj.gov/health/news/2020/approved/20200312a.shtml>
- **March 12- Travel Alert (Updated)** <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID-19-Travel-Alert03042020.pdf>
- **March 12- Prepare to Self- Isolate** <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID-19-PreparetoSelfIsolate.pdf>
- **March 12- I'm Sick. What should I Do?** <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID19-ImSick-03102020.pdf>
- **March 10- Exposure Risk Categories** https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/Exposure_Categories_for_2019_Novel_Coronavirus_mar_10_2020.108113.pdf
- **March 10- Monitoring and Movement Guidance for Managing Returning Travelers** https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/Guidance_for_Monitoring_and_Movement_NJDOH_mar_10_2020.108112.pdf

Department of Human Services

- **March 2020 Medicaid Alert (See attached)**

Department of Treasury

- **Division of Pensions and Benefits, SHBP/SEHBP COVID-19 Response**
<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/covid-19.pdf>

Articles

- **Hackensack Meridian Health** has gotten **U.S. Food & Drug Administration** approval to begin using the COVID-19 test it developed in its **Center for Discovery and Innovation**. HMH officials said the test will dramatically reduce the time it takes for diagnosing COVID-19, calling it a major advance that will benefit patients, create a more effective triage system in hospitals and potentially better control the spread of disease.

<https://www.roi-nj.com/2020/03/12/healthcare/hmh-gets-approval-for-its-covid-19-test-immediately-puts-it-into-use/>

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Governor

- **March 10- Transcript: Coronavirus Briefing**
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200310d.shtml>
- **March 10- Joint Statement from Governor Murphy and Lt. Gov. on First Death**
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200310a.shtml>
- **March 10- Governor Murphy Announces Efforts to Support Consumer Access to Covid-19 Screening, Testing, and Testing-Related Services**
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200310c.shtml>
- **March 9- Murphy Declares State of Emergency**
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200309b.shtml>
 - o **Executive Order No. 103- State of Emergency due to Coronavirus**
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-103.pdf>

NJ Department of Health

- **March 9: [New Jersey Department of Health \(NJDOH\) Monitoring and Movement Guidance for Healthcare Personnel \(HCP\) Exposed to Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 \(March 9, 2020\)](#)**
 - o **Purpose:** Due to their often extensive and close contact with vulnerable individuals in healthcare settings, NJDOH recommends a conservative approach to HCP monitoring and restrictions from work to quickly identify early symptoms and prevent transmission from potentially contagious HCP to patients, HCP, and visitors. Healthcare facilities (HCFs) should have a low threshold for evaluating symptoms and testing symptomatic HCP, particularly those who fall into the high- and medium-risk categories described in this guidance. HCFs, in consultation with public health authorities, should use clinical judgment as well

as the principles outlined in this guidance to assign risk and determine need for work restrictions.

To help HCFs document and assess HCP risk and exposure, NJDOH has developed the below series of tools and checklists:

- **March 9: [NJDOH Healthcare Personnel \(HCP\) Exposure to Confirmed COVID-19 Case Risk Algorithm \(March 9, 2020\)](#)**
 - This document can be used to assess the type of potential exposure HCP may have experienced while caring for the COVID-19 patient and assign risk level (High, Medium, Low or No Risk). It also provides guidance on the management of exposed HCP.
- **March 9: [Retrospective Assessment Tool for Healthcare Personnel Potentially Exposed to COVID-19 \(March 9, 2020\)](#)**
 - This tool can be used to assess HCP exposure risk prior to the patient being identified as having COVID-19.
- **March 9: [NJDOH COVID-19 Healthcare Personnel \(HCP\) Exposure Checklist \(March 9, 2020\)](#)**
 - This tool can be used to monitor and assess the appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for HCP caring for the COVID-19 patient after they have been identified in the facility.
- **March 9: [NJDOH COVID-19 Fever and Symptom Monitoring Log for Healthcare Personnel \(March 9, 2020\)](#)**
 - This tool can be used by a HCF or local health department (LHD) to assist HCP with daily symptom monitoring.
- **March 9: [Healthcare Personnel Exposure Line List \(March 9, 2020\)](#)**
 - This tool can be used by a HCF or local health department (LHD) track HCP under active monitoring.

NJ Civil Service Commission

- **March 10- Civil Service Commission Issues Guidelines and FAQ's for State Employees After Governor Murphy's Announcement of State of Emergency for New Jersey**
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200310c.shtml>

NJ Department of Human Services

- **March 10th- Governor Murphy Announces Efforts to Support Consumer Access to COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Testing-Related Services**
<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/press/2020/approved/20200310.html>
- **2019 Novel Coronavirus Guidance for Childcare Providers**
https://nj.gov/humanservices/documents/covid/ChildCareProviders_info.pdf
- **Update for Individuals, Families, and Providers**
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/documents/covid/Update-for-individuals-families-providers.pdf>
- **Update for Individuals, Families, and Providers Webinar**
<https://www.gotostage.com/channel/211b7cb644834745a4e4d38e3b4bad2f/recording/d90bb47f64274f3a99bbf7e7e66c006b/watch>
- **Guidance for Individuals and Families**

https://nj.gov/humanservices/documents/covid/Guidance_individuals-families.pdf

- **Guidance for Community Providers**
https://nj.gov/humanservices/documents/covid/Guidance_CommunityProviders.pdf
- **Certificate of Waiver of Medicaid/NJ Family Care and Charity Care Co-payments for Coronavirus, Visits for Testing and Testing Related Services**
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/documents/covid/CertificateofWaiver.pdf>

NJ Department of Banking and Insurance

- **March 10: Bulletin 20-03:** To all health insurance companies, health maintenance organization, health service corporations and any other entity issuing health benefits plans in this state. RE: Response to Covid 19
https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_03.pdf

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Governor

- **Conducted weekly video call with VP Pence and other Governors on 3/9/20**

NJDOH

- **Guidance for Long-term care facilities- March 4th**
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/NcOv_LINCS_LTCE_Key%20Messages_03032020.108103.pdf
- **Guidance on New CDC Testing Criteria for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)- March 4th**
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/NCoV_LINCS_Updated_testing_criteria_03042020.pdf
- **Guidance for Childcare and K-12 Schools- March 4th**
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID19_schools_FINAL_3.4.20.pdf

NJ Coronavirus Update 3.2.20

Governor- Press event (3/2/20)

- No confirmed cases in New Jersey (8 tested negative)
- 29 direct flights into Liberty from China (4 weeks ago); Now there are none
- Many low-risk and medium-risk individuals (Asymptomatic) are self-quarantined
- Governor Murphy + Staff have been in constant communication with Vice President Pence + White house regarding the state's proactive preparedness efforts.

- More than 800 calls through hotline
- Met with, and working directly, with hospitals and NJ Hospital Association
- Committed to reducing stigma of Chinese population

Link to Press Release(<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200302b.shtml>)

Link to Press Event (<https://why.org/articles/watch-governor-murphy-holds-coronavirus-preparedness-press-conference/>)

- Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 102 creating the Coronavirus Task Force to coordinate all State efforts to appropriately prepare for and respond to the public health hazard of COVID-19. The Task Force meets weekly to coordinate the State's partnership with the Federal government and Newark Liberty Airport.

The Coronavirus Task Force includes:

- Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Education, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Port Authority, NJ TRANSIT.

Executive Order 102 (<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-102.pdf>)

DOH- Launched a webpage with resources regarding COVID-19, including travel updates and advisories and guidance sent to health care providers, local health departments, infection preventionists, other health partners and a 24-hour hotline.

- **DOH Coronavirus web page** (<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>)
- **DOH Coronavirus hotline (1-800-222-1222)**
- **Guidance for Businesses- March**
2(<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/Guide%20for%20businesses.pdf>)
- **Guidance for Child Care and K-12 Schools – March**
2(https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID19_schools_FINAL_3.2.20.pdf)
- **Guidance for Colleges and Universities- March**
2(https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID19_University_FINAL_3.2.20.pdf)
- **Monitoring and Movement Guidance- Feb**
11(https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/2019nCoV_Guid_MonitoringandMovement.pdf)

