

The New Jersey Department of Human Services **Division of Developmental Disabilities**

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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) UPDATE FOR FAMILIES AND PROVIDERS

May 7, 2020



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A special **THANK YOU** to our
HEROES in this trying time!

- Direct Support Professionals-
- Self-Directed Employees-
- Support Coordinators-
- Individuals/Families-
- Providers-



Emotional Support During COVID-19 Outbreak
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Today's Webinar Will Provide Information on...

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- State and DDD-Specific COVID-19 Statistics
- COVID-19
- Self-Directed Employee Reminders
- 2020 Graduates
- Supporting Day and Residential Providers
- Resources

New Jersey COVID-19 Current Statistics*

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State of New Jersey	
Positive	131,890
Negative	154,686
Deaths	8,549

**This update is as of 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2020.*

For regular updates: <https://covid19.nj.gov/>

DDD Specific COVID-19 Statistics*

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	Community	Developmental Centers	Total
Positive	526	346	872
Negative	208	380	588
Deaths	58	15	73

**DDD specific statistics are updated every Monday. Information is based on incident reporting data entered at time of publication.*

Community data includes settings such as group homes, supervised apartments, own home settings, nursing facilities, etc. Full detail available at <https://nj.gov/humanservices/coronavirus.html>.



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- To reflect latest CDC information, guidance related to COVID-19 symptoms has been updated.
(<https://nj.gov/humanservices/coronavirus.html>)
 - COVID-19 Residential Screening Policy;
 - Guidance for Individuals and Families; and
 - Guidance for Community Providers.
- People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

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- Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these *symptoms* or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:
 - Cough; shortness of breath.

Or at least two of these symptoms:

- Fever; Chills; Repeated shaking with chills; Muscle pain; Headache; Sore throat; New loss of taste or smell.
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

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- Community Based Testing Sites.
 - There are multiple testing sites across New Jersey.
 - Each has its own testing criteria, Rx requirements, etc.
 - Website with listing of locations can be found at <https://covid19.nj.gov/index.html> and entering *Testing Centers* in the *Ask Your COVID-19 Questions Here* box.
 - Direct link is:
<https://covid19.nj.gov/locations?query=Testing+Centers&tabOrder=search.html%2Call%2CpromotedContent%2Clocations%2Cresources%2Cstatus%2CNJfaqs%2CAASfaqs%2Ccoronavirus&search-offset=0>.

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- Effective this week, exhibiting symptoms is no longer a prerequisite for testing at two Community Based Testing Sites.
- The highest priority for testing at these locations will be given to health care workers and **workers in congregate living settings**, and symptomatic first responders, as well as to asymptomatic NJ residents who have been in close contact with someone else who has tested positive.

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- **PNC Bank Arts Center – Drive Thru**

116 Garden State Parkway

Holmdel, NJ 07733

- The PNC Bank Arts Center site will open at 8am on Monday and Wednesday for the general public and on Saturdays for health care workers and first responders (Police, Fire, EMS) only.

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- **Bergen Community College – Drive Thru**

400 Paramus Road

Paramus Campus – Lots B & C

Paramus, NJ 07652

- This site is open on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Each day the site is open, staff will be able to test 500 people starting at 8 a.m.
- This is a drive-thru testing site at Lot C of main campus.

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- The NJ Department of Health is working on a testing strategy for vulnerable populations, particularly those who reside in congregate settings like group homes.
- DHS/DDD will work and support them on this important issue.
- Updates will be provided as they are available.

Self-Directed Employee Reminders

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- During COVID-19 pandemic, temporary allowance for parent, guardian or spouse to be hired by their loved one to provide DDD/Medicaid-funded services as a self-directed employee (SDE). All SDEs—including parent, guardian, spouse—must adhere to Division policies, including (but not limited to):
 - ✦ Documentation of service delivery must be maintained.
 - ✦ Policies that prohibit overlapping of services (i.e., “double-billing”) must be adhered to.
 - ✦ Every service must relate to an assessed and documented need.
 - ✦ Every service must fit within the *overall budget for the plan year*.
 - ✦ SDEs cannot deliver and claim for a service during the same hours in which the SDE is working for and being paid by another employer (including working remotely).



Graduates

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- The Division has received several inquiries on 2020 graduates.
- Governor Murphy announced this week that schools will remain closed through the end of the academic year.
 - <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/20200504a.shtml>.

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- The Division continues to plan for graduates as it always has, with adjustments for remote plan development.
- As always, once educational entitlement ends, Division services will begin.
- On Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 1pm there will be a webinar on Transitioning Into Adulthood.
 - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5094707380774301455>.

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- Transitioning Into Adulthood – Information about Division Services for 2020 Graduates
 - Will include a Division overview, information about the eligibility process, and accessing services. The discussion will also include information about services during the current situation related to COVID-19 and ideas of some planning that can be done during this time when we are staying at home.

Supporting Day and Residential Providers

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- Updated guidance can be found at:
<https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-temporary-provider-funding.pdf>
- Methodology used is the same as previous rate increases and can be operationalized similarly.
 - ✦ Temporary DSP wage increase can be passed through as an hourly increase or bonus.
 - ✦ How to identify payment on claims remittance.
 - ✦ Day services supplemental payment is through May 15, 2020.

Important Resources

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- NJ Department of Health:
nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml
24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-222-1222
- NJ Department of Human Services COVID-19 Information:
nj.gov/humanservices/coronavirus.html
- Contact Information for local health departments in NJ:
localhealth.nj.gov
- Contact Information for County OEM Coordinators in NJ:
ready.nj.gov/about-us/county-coordinators.shtml

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- For assistance during this time:
 - For vital issues, call the Division Community Services office for your county or 1.800.832.9173.
 - When calling, you will be connected with the Division's answering service who will take information about the circumstance and have a Division staff person reach out.
 - For routine questions: DDD.FeeForService@dhs.nj.gov.
 - For COVID-19 questions: DDD.COVID-19@dhs.nj.gov.
 - To report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation: call 1.800.832.9173, then press 1.



Highlighted Resources

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- Boggs Center COVID-19 Information and Resources: rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/links/COVID-19Resources.html.
- Boggs Center ***Just In Time*** Webinar Series for DSPs, providers, caregivers related to supporting individuals during COVID-19: nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-boggs-center-just-in-time-webinar-series.pdf.
- NJ Self-Advocacy Project's ***Stay Healthy at Home*** Webinar Series for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities: www.arcnj.org/programs/njsap/webinars.html

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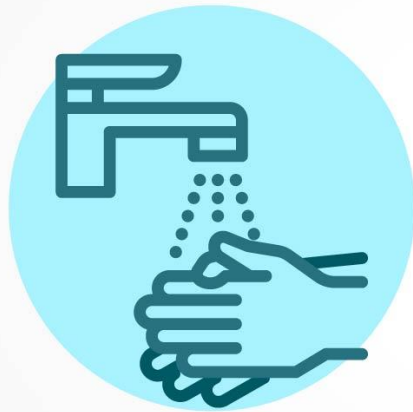
- For parents and families
 - Mom-2-Mom Helpline: (877) 914-6662
mom2mom.us.com/
- For individuals and caregivers
 - Waisman Center COVID-19 Resources for People with Disabilities
waisman.wisc.edu/covid-19/disabilities/
- For Direct Support Professionals
 - National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) COVID-19 Toolkit for DSPs:
nadsp.org/covid-19resources/

And Remember...

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FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS TO **STAY HEALTHY**

WASH YOUR
HANDS



COVER YOUR
COUGH



STAY HOME
WHEN SICK



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