

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 21, 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-



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Today's Webinar Will Provide Information on...

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- State and DDD-Specific COVID-19 Statistics
- Day and Residential Providers
- Updated Quick Guide
- ISP Reminders
- COVID-19
- Resources



New Jersey COVID-19 Current Statistics*

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State of New Jersey	
Positive	150,399
Deaths	10,747

**This update is as of 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, 2020.*

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

DDD Specific COVID-19 Statistics*

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	Community	Developmental Centers	Total
Positive	711	409	1,120
Deaths	94	28	122

**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>.

Day and Residential Providers

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- Residential support remains unchanged.
 - www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-temporary-residential-funding.pdf
- Day retainer payments extended through May 29, 2020.
 - www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-temporary-day-funding.pdf

Updated Quick Guide for Families

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- Pleased to announce the updated **Quick Guide for Families** is now available as a PDF.

www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/quick-guide-for-families-english.pdf

- Collaboration between DDD and the NJ Regional Family Support Planning Councils.
- Expanded to include information about Supports Program and Community Care Program.
- Printed copies will be available soon through the NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities.



ISP Reminders

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- Every service must fit within *overall budget for plan year*. This includes prospective services.
- Policies that prohibit overlapping of services (i.e., “double-billing”) must be adhered to.
 - Example – Career Planning at same time as Prevocational Training
- Every service must relate to assessed & documented need in the ISP.

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- Governor has released a *Standing Order* for testing.
 - https://www.state.nj.us/health/legal/covid19/05-12-2020_StandingOrder_COVID19testing.pdf.
- This is essentially a universal prescription for a COVID-19 test so one is **not** needed from a doctor.
- This allows any healthcare provider, licensed pharmacist or trained personnel at a healthcare facility or medically-supervised COVID-19 testing site in the State to administer a test to people **with or without symptoms**.

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- Eligibility for *Standing Order*:
 - Individual is a resident of or is currently residing in the State;
 - Individual is 12 months of age or older; and
 - Individual has or may have been exposed to COVID-19 and meets one of the following:
 - ✦ Persons who had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 10 minutes) with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 (with or without symptoms).

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- ✦ Healthcare facility workers and first responders (with or without symptoms).
- ✦ **Residents and workers in congregate living settings**, including but not limited to jails, prisons, **group homes** and homeless shelters (with or without symptoms).
- ✦ Persons with symptoms of COVID-19 infection, including fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, recent loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea and/or sore throat.

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- ✦ Populations identified by the Department of Health for surveillance purposes at the discretion of the Department.
- ✦ Persons without symptoms of COVID-19 infection who are prioritized by health departments or clinicians, for any reason. This would include but is not limited to those experiencing homelessness, seasonal farm workers, or other individuals for whom a medical provider has not prescribed a COVID-19 test.

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- **Increasing Testing Capacity:**
 - New Jersey will double testing capacity & increase 20,000 tests per day by end of May.
 - Capacity built out for a minimum 25,000 tests completed a day by end of June.
 - 50 CVS locations will have swab-and-send testing capabilities by the end of May.

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- Walmart & Quest Diagnostics will offer self-administered, drive up testing from 7am to 9am.
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday next week.
- Beginning in June offered on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.
 - Burlington
 - Flemington
 - Garfield
 - Howell
 - Kearny
 - Mount Laurel
 - North Bergen

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- Accurate Diagnostic Lab has provided a list of sites where saliva testing is available.
- <https://accuratediagnosticlabs.com/locations.html>

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- 14 Rite Aid locations are providing testing:
 - Must be 18 or older.
 - Self-swab nasal test overseen by pharmacist.
 - Must have a government issued ID and register for an appointment at <https://www.riteaid.com/>.
 - Click on *Complete Pre-Screening & Schedule an appointment at a Rite Aid location Near You.*

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- Community Based Testing Sites:
 - There are multiple testing sites across NJ.
 - Some have residency and appointment scheduling requirements – Call First.
 - Website with symptom list, self-assessment and information on testing sites can be found at <https://covid19.nj.gov/testing>.

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- What you generally need to bring when getting a test:
 - Identification.
 - Insurance cards (Medicaid, Medicare, etc.).
 - ✦ Testing is covered by insurance so there should not be any co-pays/out-of-pocket cost.
 - Due to the standing order you do not need to bring a prescription.

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- DHS/DDD continues to work with the Department of Health on a testing strategy for an at home testing solution.
- Targeted for individuals whose needs are such that going out for a test is not feasible.
- Updates will be provided as they are available.

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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

Important Resources

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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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- For parents and families
 - Mom-2-Mom Helpline: mom2mom.us.com/ or 877.914-6662
- For individuals and caregivers
 - Boggs Center COVID-19 Information and Resources: rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/links/COVID-19Resources.html
- 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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