THANK YOU!

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

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

If you’re concerned about your mental health or the mental health of someone you love, NJMentalHealthCares can help. The free hotline offers telephone counseling, emotional support, information and assistance.

866-202-HELP (4357)
7 days per week, 8am - 8pm
Today’s Webinar Will Provide Information on...

- State and DDD-Specific COVID-19 Statistics
- COVID-19 Update Webinar Schedule
- Day and Residential Providers
- Re-Opening Workgroup
- Visitation
- PPE Distribution Update
- SDE Service Documentation
- Facemask Resources
- COVID-19 Testing
- Resources
# New Jersey COVID-19 Current Statistics*

*This update is as of 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

For regular updates: [https://covid19.nj.gov/](https://covid19.nj.gov/)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>State of New Jersey</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>169,892</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deaths</td>
<td>12,995</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

*This update is as of 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, 2020.*
## DDD Specific COVID-19 Statistics*

*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](https://nj.gov/humanservices/coronavirus.html).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>Developmental Centers</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Licensed</td>
<td>Other</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>617</td>
<td>270</td>
<td>418</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deaths</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>86</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Volunteer contributions are greatly appreciated! If you have questions, please contact the Statewide Resource Hub at: [1-844-993-7623](tel:1-844-993-7623) or [njhhsur@doeh.state.nj.us](mailto:njhhsur@doeh.state.nj.us).
COVID-19 Update Webinar Schedule

- COVID-19 bi-weekly update webinars will continue in July:
  - July 9 at 10:30am
  - July 23 at 10:30am

- **NEW** registration link (registration for the April-June update webinars will not carry over. You must re-register for July):
  - [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3269497189049913611](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3269497189049913611)
Day and Residential Providers

- A reminder for ALL providers:
  - Submit claims for services rendered on or before June 30, 2020 by that date, if at all possible.
  - This allows the State to claim additional federal match during the emergency period.
Day and Residential Providers

- Information related to continued residential and day support will be released as soon as possible.
- Current guidance can be found at:
Re-Opening Workgroup

While there still is no timeframe for the re-opening of day programs, the Division has organized a Re-Opening Workgroup.

The group is comprised of family members, a self-advocate, day service providers, The Boggs Center and the NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities.

The group has been meeting diligently.
The group has reviewed information from various areas including, but not limited to:

- The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention;
- Guidance from other New Jersey State agencies (Department of Health, Department of Children and Families, etc.);
- Guidance from other states related to their re-opening strategies.
Re-Opening Workgroup

• Some of the priority areas:
  ○ Guidance on an Individual Assessment to assist families and providers in planning for an individual's return.
  ○ Guidance that will provide recommendations for items to address in order to reopen safely.
  ○ Guidance on a Site Assessment for providers to ensure their facilities are set up appropriately.
Visitation – Group Homes

• On Thursday, June 18, the Division released Residential Visitation Guidance and an updated Residential Screening Policy.

• This is the first step toward visits with families and friends. Updates will occur as more information is learned about COVID-19 as the state re-opens.
Visitation – Group Homes

- Required aspects of the visits:
  - Screening for signs and symptoms.
  - Social Distancing.
    - It is recognized that some residents may have difficulty. Therefore, any contact should be brief.
  - Wearing Personal Protective Equipment.
    - Residents are encouraged to wear masks, but it is understood that some may not tolerate a mask or it may not be medically advisable for them to wear.
    - Visitors must wear PPE as directed.
Visitation – Group Homes

- The policy will be updated based on new information being learned about the virus.
  - Residential Screening Policy:
  - Residential Visitation Guidance:
Visitation – Developmental Centers

- On June 19, the Department of Health released Executive Directive 20-017 – Standards and Protocols for Visitors and Facility Staff.
- This permitted outdoor visitation at long term care facilities.

Visitation – Developmental Centers

- All five of the Division’s Developmental Centers are following this guidance.
- Visits resumed June 21, Fathers Day.
- Similar to the guidance for group homes, visits are to be outdoors, are required to be socially distanced, and participants are to wear appropriate PPE.
PPE Distribution Update

- The Division is pleased to relay that it is providing a second round of PPE to the approximately 1,200 families who utilize SDEs that reside outside of their household.
- Contactless delivery of PPE began last week.
- We would like to thank our partners and state staff who have assisted/are assisting in deliveries.
PPE Distribution Update

- One box of gloves and one box of masks allocated per household.
- Total amount of PPE to be distributed in this round:
  - Nearly 60,000 pairs of gloves; and
  - Nearly 60,000 masks.
**Reminder:** All self-directed employees (SDEs) are required to maintain service documentation notes for services delivered, including family members hired as SDEs.

- PPL and the Division will operationalize electronic and paper timesheet service documentation process this summer. Information and webinar training will be announced in July.

- The new fee-for-service Agency with Choice SDE model through Easterseals includes service documentation process.
Face Mask Resources from The Boggs Center

Boggs Center COVID-19 Resource Webpage
http://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenater/links/COVID-19Resources.html

Helping Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Become Comfortable with Face Masks
- Provides strategies supporters can use to help adults with I/DD become more comfortable with face masks.

Wearing a Face Mask: A COVID-19 Social Story for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Can be used to help people with I/DD understand why face masks are important for themselves and others to wear.
COVID-19 Testing

- Testing continues to be available.
- Residents and staff of congregate settings, like group homes, are encouraged to be tested.
- Research local options before going for a test.
- Standing Order remains in place.

[Link to Standing Order](https://www.state.nj.us/health/legal/covid19/05-12-2020_StandingOrder_COVID19testing.pdf)
COVID-19 Testing

• Rite Aid
  ○ Review requirements and schedule a test at https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing.

• CVS
  ○ Review requirements and schedule a test at https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing
COVID-19 Testing

Additional Testing Sites:

- There are multiple testing sites across NJ and new sites have been added.
- Some have residency and appointment scheduling requirements.
- Website can be found at https://covid19.nj.gov/testing.
Important Resources

- NJ Department of Health: [nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml](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](nj.gov/humanservices/coronavirus.html)

- Contact Information for local health departments in NJ: [localhealth.nj.gov](localhealth.nj.gov)

- Contact Information for County OEM Coordinators in NJ: [ready.nj.gov/about-us/county-coordinators.shtml](ready.nj.gov/about-us/county-coordinators.shtml)
Important Resources

- 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

- For parents and families
  o Mom-2-Mom Helpline: mom2mom.us.com/ or 877.914-6662

- For individuals and caregivers
  o Boggs Center COVID-19 Information and Resources: rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenercenter/links/COVID-19Resources.html

- For Direct Support Professionals
  o National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) COVID-19 Toolkit for DSPs: nadsp.org/covid-19resources/
And Remember...

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS TO **STAY HEALTHY**

- **WASH** YOUR HANDS
- **COVER** YOUR COUGH
- **STAY HOME** WHEN SICK

#PREVENTCORONAVIRUS