

# COVID-19 Resources from Other NJ State Agencies

## Covid-19 Tracker

[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_dashboard.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml)

## Main Resource Website

<https://covid19.nj.gov/>

## Testing Site Locator

<https://covid19.nj.gov/search.html?query=Testing+Centers+in+NJ>

## Symptom Tracker

<https://self.covid19.nj.gov/>

## PPE Donations

<https://covid19.nj.gov/ppedonations>

## Volunteer Sign-Up

- [Medical Volunteers](#): NJ needs the help of qualified health, mental health, and related professionals to supplement our health care capacity.
- [Housing for Medical Volunteers Donation Portal](#) - online signup form to express an interest in donating facility space or housing services to support the State's response to COVID-19.
- [Flight Assistance](#) - any interested volunteers with medical training should contact the New Jersey Department of Health to coordinate flights.
- [Community Volunteers](#): <https://helpnynow.communityos.org/>

## Jobs Portal

- For those looking for work <https://jobs.covid19.nj.gov>.
- For employers <https://jobs.covid19.nj.gov/intake>.

## ◆ Department of Labor Resources

Please visit our website [nj.gov/labor](https://nj.gov/labor) to find the latest and most reliable information including: What programs are available for employers and employees and who qualifies for these programs.

- If you have an Unemployment Insurance related question please also visit <https://myunemployment.nj.gov/>
- If you have an Earned Sick Leave or Temporary Disability related question please also visit: <https://myleavebenefits.nj.gov/>
- Guidance for employers <https://www.nj.gov/labor/employer-services/business/covid.shtml>
- Guidance for employees <https://www.nj.gov/labor/worker-protections/earnedsick/covid.shtml>

Assistance is available to self-employed workers, independent contractors, gig and platform workers who are impacted by COVID-19 through Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and possibly the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Self-employed workers, independent contractors, gig and platform workers advised to [read the attached documents](#) before applying for Unemployment Insurance benefits.

Attached are documents from the Division of Unemployment insurance including:

- [Self-guide for filing an unemployment claim](#)
- [A guide on various COVID-19 Scenarios and Eligibility in English and Spanish](#)
- FAQ on [Pandemic Unemployment Assistance](#)

#### ◆ **Business Resources**

NJEDA - COVID-19 business portal: <https://cv.business.nj.gov>

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program:  
<https://faq.business.nj.gov/en/articles/3789809>

#### ◆ **Department of Community Affairs Resources**

The Department of Community Affairs NJ assistance programs:  
<https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/en-US/>

[NJ 2-1-1](#): NJ 2-1-1 helps people find health and human service resources in local communities throughout our state.

Information on Housing Assistance Programs and Homelessness Prevention:  
<https://nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/covid19housingassistance.html>

To provide additional options to tenants who are struggling financially as result of COVID-19, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 128, allowing tenants to direct their landlords to use their security deposits to offset rent or back rent.

Other notable resources:

- COVID-19 guidance issued by the Division of Codes and Standards:  
<https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/alerts/>.
- Ongoing construction guidance:  
[https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/alerts/pdfs/COVID\\_memo.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/alerts/pdfs/COVID_memo.pdf)
- UCC construction forms to fill out and send/deliver to the local enforcing agencies:  
<https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/resources/constructionpermitforms.html>
- The Division's Gov Connect- News for Local Government Officials:  
<https://www.nj.gov/govconnect/news/general/>

- Local Finance Notices: [https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/resources/local\\_fin\\_notices.html](https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/resources/local_fin_notices.html)
- Guidance for Division of Fire Safety: <https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dfs/pdf/Covid-19%20Concerns%20Local%20Enforcement%20Agencies%20Memo.pdf>

#### ◆ **Protections for Individuals Without Permanent Housing**

Governor Murphy and Superintendent Callahan announced an Administrative Order protecting access to hotels and motels for individuals without safe, permanent housing. The order clarifies that municipalities and counties may not impose restrictions in response to COVID-19 on the ability of hotels, motels, guest houses, or private residences to accept any individuals who have no permanent housing to which they may safely or lawfully return. Individuals protected under the order include, but are not limited to:

- Homeless individuals;
- Individuals affected by domestic violence; and
- Individuals in hotels or motels in compliance with a court order

#### ◆ **Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA) Resources**

NJHMFA to Provide Free Housing Counseling to Families Faced with Potential Eviction or Foreclosure- <https://njhousing.gov/foreclosure/>

#### ◆ **Department of Children and Families Resources**

DCF continues to help families across New Jersey during this unprecedented time with a robust and greatly needed continuum of behavioral healthcare for youth up to age 21. The DCF's Division of Children's System of Care (CSOC) provides services that include mental health and substance use treatment as well as programs for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities. CSOC is a leader in the nation for its Mobile Response and Stabilization Services, which offers almost immediate face to face crisis support and de-escalation management for families with children experiencing a behavioral health episode. This is available 24/7/365 by calling 1-877-652-7624.

Administration officials at the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) [today encouraged parents](#) across the state to consider temporary guardianship options for their children in the event they become incapacitated with COVID-19. [Power of Attorney \(POA\) forms were made available online for download.](#)

#### ◆ **Health Insurance Resources**

NJ Department of Banking and Insurance COVID-19 web page: <https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/covid/index.html>  
 COVID-19 & Health Insurance Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/covid/faq.html>

Residents who have experienced a life-changing event such as the loss of health coverage or the loss of job-based coverage may qualify for an SEP which would allow them to enroll in health coverage now. Individuals who have lost qualifying health coverage in the past 60 days or expect to lose coverage in the next 60 days should visit the Get Covered NJ website ([www.getcovered.nj.gov](http://www.getcovered.nj.gov)) to see if they qualify or they can go directly to [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) to enroll in coverage.

Residents who do not have health insurance may be eligible for free or low-cost coverage through NJ FamilyCare ([www.njfamilycare.org](http://www.njfamilycare.org)), New Jersey's publicly funded health insurance program. NJ Family Care includes CHIP, Medicaid and Medicaid expansion populations and covers doctor visits, prescriptions, vision, dental care, mental health and substance use services and even hospitalization.

#### ◆ Department of Banking and Insurance

**Mortgage Relief:** Under Governor Murphy's proposal, New Jerseyans who are struggling financially as a result of COVID-19 may be eligible for the following relief upon contacting their financial institution:

- 90-Day Forbearance Period for Mortgage Payments
- No Negative Credit Impacts Resulting from Relief
- Moratorium on Initiating Foreclosure Sales or Evictions
- Relief from Fees and Charges

List of national banks, state-chartered banks, credit unions, and servicers who have agreed to provide mortgage forbearance and financial protections announced by Governor Phil Murphy:

<https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/covid/mortgagerelief/index.html>

**Student Loan Relief:** Governor Murphy and Commissioner Caride announced that 200,000 New Jerseyans are eligible for student loan relief under a new initiative:

<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200421b.shtml>

#### **Student Loan Relief FAQs**

**Insurance Premium Grace Periods:** Following Governor Murphy's Executive Order No. 123, NJDOBI Directed Insurers to Provide Emergency Grace Period for Payment of Insurance Premiums for Residents, Businesses Amid COVID-19. Consumers must contact their insurance company to take advantage of the emergency grace period and to discuss options to pay their premiums over time after the grace period ends:

<https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/pressreleases/pr200410.html>

#### **Telehealth Medicine**

<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200322b.shtml>

Telehealth and Telemedicine Frequently Asked

Questions: <https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/covid/telehealth.html>

## ◆ Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Resources

Due to COVID-19, all New Jersey gas, electric, Internet, phone, water, and cable utilities have suspended service shut-offs.

- If you're experiencing a service issue with your utility you should contact your utility first. Find contact information for your utility at: <https://www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance/utility/>
- If your utility company doesn't resolve your issue, contact our Customer Assistance team by filling out the form found at: <https://www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance/complaints/inquiry.html> or calling BPU's Customer Assistance hotline at (800) 624-0241.
- For help paying your utility bills during this difficult time, we have many program options which can be found at: <https://www.bpu.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance/programs/index.html>

Additional COVID-19 Information:

<https://www.nj.gov/bpu/newsroom/reports/covid19.html>

## ◆ NJ TRANSIT

NJ TRANSIT is running special weekday BUS service beginning Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 and requesting travel for ESSENTIAL PURPOSES ONLY. Special weekday bus service schedules maybe be found on NJ TRANSIT's website [by clicking here.](#)

## ◆ Motor Vehicle Commission

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator Sue Fulton announced that all agency, road testing, and inspections facilities will remain closed until at least **Monday, May 11.**

In addition to expanding [online services](#), the Commission is continuing essential operations, including measures to support commercial trucking to keep the supply chain moving during the COVID-19 pandemic. Most renewals of driver licenses, non-driver IDs, and registrations – including, for the first time, some commercial registrations – can be processed online at [NJMVC.gov](http://NJMVC.gov). Customers can change their address, pay fees, and other services online as well. Drivers with suspended licenses can seek to get licenses restored, if they are eligible, using email instead of phone or in-person interactions. Drivers who believe they are eligible for restoration should email [suspension.info@mvc.nj.gov](mailto:suspension.info@mvc.nj.gov).

## ◆ Department of State

- Census: fill out the Census online or by phone
  - § <https://2020census.gov/en.html> (Census Bureau Questionnaire)
  - § <https://nj.gov/state/census.shtml> (NJ Census website)
- Business Action Center: BAC is still operating and small businesses can still call the **1800-JERSEY-7** hotline for any questions related to their business.
  - § <https://www.nj.gov/state/bac/> (BAC Website)

## ◆ Division of Consumer Affairs

Resources: <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/>

The accelerated temporary licensing process for out of state healthcare professionals: <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Pages/Accelerated-Temporary-Licensure.aspx>

Foreign-licensed doctors can apply for temporary emergency licensure online on the Division's [website](#).

For more information on the Division's program, please click [here](#).

## ◆ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education

OSHE shared updated guidance for colleges and universities in light of Executive Order 104

- [https://nj.gov/highereducation/documents/pdf/index/3-16-2020COVID-19\\_HigherEducationGuidance.pdf](https://nj.gov/highereducation/documents/pdf/index/3-16-2020COVID-19_HigherEducationGuidance.pdf)

OSHE shared instructions for institutions to submit waivers to our Office to hold in-person instruction for select courses (clinical rotations, etc.)

- [https://nj.gov/highereducation/documents/pdf/index/OSHE\\_Waiver%20Proce%20ss\\_3.17.20.pdf](https://nj.gov/highereducation/documents/pdf/index/OSHE_Waiver%20Proce%20ss_3.17.20.pdf)

## ◆ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)

FAFSA Deadline Extended from April 15th to June 1<sup>st</sup>:

<https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/HESAANewsPage.aspx?type=News&pid=174>

For repayment relief options: <https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/RAPandHIARInfo.aspx>

For loan deferment due to unemployment:

<https://www.hesaa.org/Documents/Relief%20Options/Unemployment.pdf>.

For loan deferment due to temporary total disability:

<https://www.hesaa.org/Documents/NJCLASSTempDisabilityForm.pdf>.

For loan deferment due to financial hardship:

<https://www.hesaa.org/Documents/Relief%20Options/Financial%20hardship.pdf>.

For more information, please

visit <https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJCLASSReliefOptions.aspx>

NJCLASS Family Loan Q&A:

[https://www.hesaa.org/Documents/Misc/NJCLASS\\_Q\\_n\\_A.pdf](https://www.hesaa.org/Documents/Misc/NJCLASS_Q_n_A.pdf)

## ◆ Department of Agriculture

Food Banks that serve each New Jersey County:

<https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/fn/pdf/EFO%20%20Listing.pdf>

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):

In light of COVID-19, New Jersey WIC [is allowing more food substitutions](#) in addition to previously approved items in anticipation of limited food selections related to recent

events. Families who rely on WIC can now substitute certain items of food like cheese, cereal, whole grains, and more. Attached are flyers (in English and Spanish) that should be shared on social media for your constituents.

#### ◆ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

We encourage veterans and their families to consult VA's public-facing website for the most current information: [www.va.gov/coronavirus](http://www.va.gov/coronavirus). Guidance from local VA medical facilities about their current operating status is available on each facility's website, which can be found through VA's facility locator tool: <https://www.va.gov/find-locations>.

The impact COVID-19 has on daily routines may cause unanticipated stress on some veterans in crisis. In this time of social distancing, it is important to keep reaching out to those in need of someone to talk to. For veterans in crisis, help is available by:

- Calling the Veteran Crisis Line at 1 (800) 273-8255 and press 1
- Visiting [VeteransCrisisLine.Net/Chat](http://VeteransCrisisLine.Net/Chat)
- Texting 838255

NJ Vet2Vet can help with 24/7 support to veterans and their families. <https://njvet2vet.com>

#### ◆ Resources for Undocumented and Underinsured Populations

Below are some resources available for our undocumented and uninsured populations throughout the pandemic. Please see the links below and the attached document, we urge you to share these links and information with your constituency.

- How can I get treatment for COVID-19 if I'm uninsured or undocumented?  
<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/general-public/how-can-i-get-treatment-for-covid-19-if-im-uninsured-or-undocumented-how-do-i-cover-health-costs-associated-with-covid-19>
- Fact sheet for undocumented and uninsured  
[https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID-19\\_Resources\\_forUndocumented\\_and\\_UninsuredFactsheet.pdf](https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID-19_Resources_forUndocumented_and_UninsuredFactsheet.pdf)
- Governor Murphy Announces Efforts to Support Consumer Access to COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Testing-Related Services: <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/20200310a.shtml>

#### ◆ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness

NJOHSP is leading New Jersey's efforts to combat COVID-19 disinformation, rumors, and scams that may impact residents and businesses throughout the State. The webpage, <https://www.njohsp.gov/covid19>, features unclassified intelligence products on COVID-19 disinformation, details about scams that New Jersey residents and visitors might be susceptible to, and cybersecurity alerts regarding potential threats to individuals and businesses caused by the pandemic.

#### ◆ FEMA Firefighter Grant Program

The Federal CARES Act is providing funding to FEMA for distribution through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program for fire departments in need of purchasing personal protective equipment and related supplies. The Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) Grants Application Period will open on Monday April 27, 2020 at 8 a.m. ET. and close on Friday May 29 at 5 p.m. For more information and application guidance [please click here.](#)

#### ◆ Reporting of Violations

Employees can call either 211 or go on this new website to report employers not cooperating with Executive Order 107: <https://covid19.nj.gov/violation>