

COVID-19 RESOURCE GUIDE V4

Covid-19 Tracker

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

Those with medical experience willing to volunteer should go to

<https://covid19.nj.gov/volunteer> to sign up.

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 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 are unable to access the internet, please call:
 - North Jersey: 201-601-4100
 - Central Jersey: 732-761-2020
 - Southern Jersey: 856-507-2340
- 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>

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>

DCA Resources

The Department of Community Affairs NJ assistance programs:

<https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/en-US/>

NJ – 211: <https://www.nj211.org/>

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

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
- 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
- Guidance for Division of Fire Safety: <https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dfs/pdf/Covid-19%20Concerns%20Local%20Enforcement%20Agencies%20Memo.pdf>

HMFA Resources

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

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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>

Department of Human Services

Family Care: It is strongly encouraged that individuals making new applications do so online at www.njfamilycare.org which can be used to apply for NJ FamilyCare as well as other Medicaid programs. If seeking the status of a New Jersey FamilyCare application, requesting an update or reporting a change such as new income, the first point of contact should be the call center at 1-800-701-0710.

SNAP: Many New Jerseyans who receive food assistance through the NJ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (NJ SNAP) received an extra benefit payment on Sunday (3/29) and their benefits will be higher in April to help address critical food needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. SNAP supplemental payments were included in the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act. A total of \$70 million in extra NJ SNAP benefits will be provided over the next two months to New Jerseyans to help with the purchase of groceries. Prospective applicants for SNAP and general assistance benefits are strongly encouraged to apply online at www.NJHelps.org

For information on childcare, cash shelter and food assistance, NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid, individuals with disabilities, mental health and substance abuse, and support for older residents please visit:

<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/press/2020/approved/20200318b.html>

Child Care: Emergency Child Care Assistance Program to help support child care costs when a parent or guardian is an essential employee, regardless of your income:

<https://www.childcarenj.gov/Emergency>

Department of Children and Families

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.](#)

Telehealth Medicine

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

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) to see if they qualify or they can go directly to 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), 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.

NJ TRANSIT

NJ TRANSIT is running special weekday BUS service beginning Monday, March 23rd, 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

With the threat from COVID-19 continuing and New Jersey having the second-most cases in the United States, it has now been determined to continue the closures until April 27.

In most cases you can renew your license, replace a lost license, change your address, renew your registration and complete other transactions through our easy-to-use [online portal.](#)

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>

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

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%20Process_3.17.20.pdf

HESAA

FAFSA Deadline Extended from April 15th to June 1st:

<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>

Dept. 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.

Veteran Affairs

We encourage veterans and their families to consult VA's public-facing website for the most current information: 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
- Texting 838255

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