



**New Jersey Office of Emergency Management  
State Emergency Operations Center  
COVID-19 Event  
Situation Report #36  
April 15, 2020  
1200 hours**

*\*Changes from previous SitRep in **BOLD***

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), (609) 963-6900 daily hours and levels are listed below:

- 0800hrs and 1800hrs, Full Activation Level 1- contact SEOC at Ext 2.
- 1800hrs and 0800hrs, Enhanced Monitoring Level 3-contact IWW at Ext 1.

**A. Current Information:**

- **EO-127 Extending Certain Deadlines Associated with Rulemaking**  
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-127.pdf>
- AO-06 further clarification on essential businesses  
[http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200330/49/ef/6b/66/911f57575b4616fb2dd79d8a/AO2020-6\\_signed.pdf](http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200330/49/ef/6b/66/911f57575b4616fb2dd79d8a/AO2020-6_signed.pdf)
- New Jersey extends State tax deadline from April 15 to July 15, 2020. Additionally, the State Fiscal year is extended through September 30.
- Further clarification on essential or non-essential businesses use following link  
<https://faq.business.nj.gov/en/articles/3820777-i-m-not-sure-if-my-business-needs-to-close-due-to-the-state-s-covid-19-directives-what-additional-guidance-is-there>
- Social distancing guidance for essential retail businesses.  
[https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/Social\\_Distancing\\_Guidance\\_for\\_Essential\\_Retail\\_Business.pdf](https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/Social_Distancing_Guidance_for_Essential_Retail_Business.pdf)
- President Donald J. Trump issued a Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4488-DR-NJ on March 25<sup>th</sup> for the State of New Jersey. The declaration will provide federal assistance to supplement statewide recovery efforts affected by the COVID-19 pandemic beginning on January 20, 2020. Counties should be submitting RPAs to their area leads.
- Executive Order No. 107 Violation Reporting form  
<https://covid19.nj.gov/violation>
- COVID-19 Information for the First Responder Community  
<https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/covid-19-info-first-responders>
- OSHA's memorandum expands temporary enforcement guidance provided in OSHA's March 14, 2020, memorandum to Compliance Safety and Health Officers for enforcing annual fit-testing requirements of the Respiratory Protection standard, 29 CFR § 1910.134(f)(2), with regard to supply shortages of N95s or other filtering face piece respirators (FFRs) due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The March 14 guidance, which applied to healthcare, now applies to all workplaces

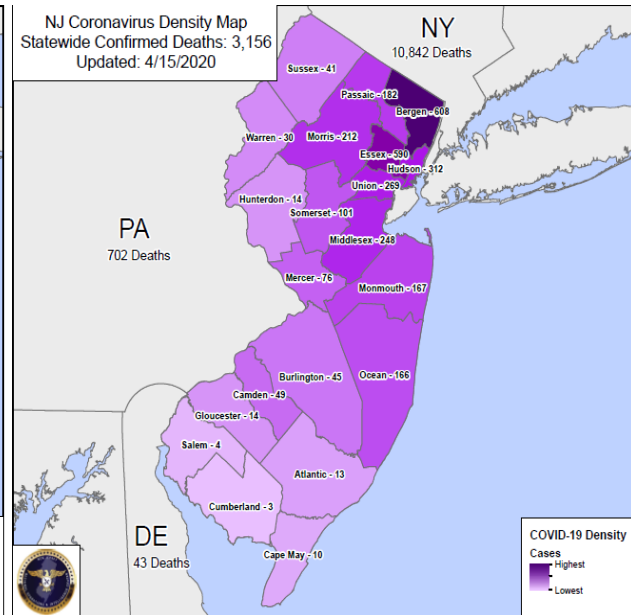
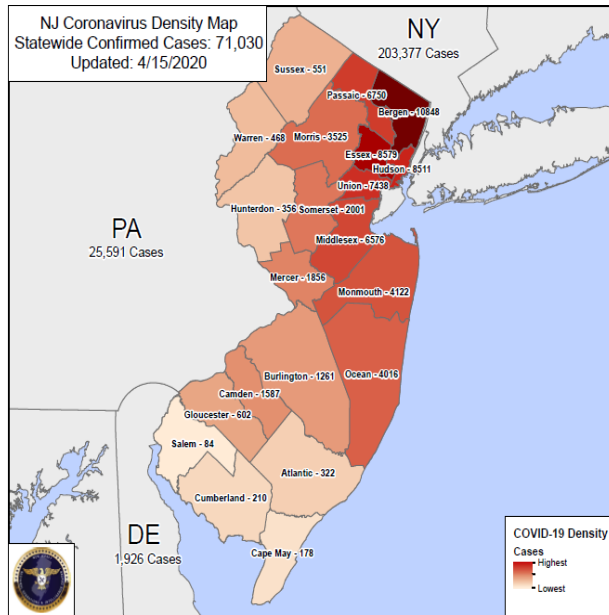


covered by OSHA where there is required use of respirators. This memorandum will take effect immediately and remain in effect until further notice

<https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-04-08/expanded-temporary-enforcement-guidance-respiratory-protection-fit-testing-n95>

**B. Virus Statistics Source: Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, as of 4/15/20 1130hrs <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>**

	Total Cases	Total Deaths
<b>Worldwide</b>	1,997,321	127,601
<b>United States</b>	609,685	26,059
<b>New Jersey</b>	71,030	3,156



New Jersey Department of Health COVID19 Dashboard  
[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_dashboard.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml)

**C. Field Medical Stations**

- Secaucus Field Medical Station (FMS) is currently staffed by 65 members, which consist of NJ National Guard, NJSP personnel, NJDOH, contractors, and facility staff and is currently operational. **51** patients currently at the location.
- Edison Field Medical Station (FMS) is currently staffed by 200 members, which consist of NJ-AHIMT, NJ National Guard, NJSP, contractors, DOD UAMTF, NJDOH, and facility staff and is currently operational. **11** patients currently at the location.
- **NJ-AHIMT will also be managing the installation and operation of a N-95 decontamination system that will be collocated at FMS Edison.**
- Atlantic City Field Medical Station (FMS) is currently staffed by 87 members, which consist of NJ-AHIMT, NJ Guard, NJSP, NJDOH, and contractors. The site is still



undergoing the build out phase. The site is on schedule to open **Wednesday April 21st**.

- UAMTF from California is planned to arrive by **Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **D. Regional Mobile Morgue Sites**

- Currently, the Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner Office is coordinating with multiple partners including NJ-AHMIT, NJOEM, NJ DOH, FEMA and others to support a strategy to address the surge in bodies resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Mobile Refrigerator Trailers are on order (April 12<sup>th</sup> 3 trailers delivered)**
  - 20 trailers ordered
  - 1,600 total capacity
- (3) Mortuary Sites:
  - North - University Hospital, Newark. Currently staffed by 21 members, which consist of NJ-AHMIT, NJ National Guard, NJSP personnel, UH, and OCSME.
  - 3 Trailers on site, **additional trailers pending arrival.**
  - Central - location will be left undisclosed
    - (53) Total personnel for today, consisting of NJ-AHMIT, NJ National Guard, UH, OCSME.
    - A target opening is planned for Thursday, 4/16.
  - South – will no longer be facilitated, all bodies will be transported to the Central location.

#### **E. Community Based Test Sites**

- Starting Sunday, March 29th, an alternate schedule will be implemented in anticipation of a maximum capacity of 500 specimen collections per day. This alternating schedule will be as follows:
  - Both Community Based Testing Sites closed Sunday 4/12
  - Bergen Site Operating: Tuesday 4/14, Thursday 4/16, Friday 4/17
  - Monmouth Site Operating: Wednesday 4/15, Saturday 4/18
- On Saturdays, the Monmouth site will be dedicated to collecting samples from only symptomatic health care workers and symptomatic first responders. Until further notice this will be the alternating weekly schedule.
- **Monmouth County Mobile Testing Site is open to symptomatic individuals on 4/15 at 0800.**
- Bergen County Mobile Testing Site is closed today.
- Federal support for sites has been extended through the end of May.

#### **F. ESF Activities**

- **ESF #1 Transportation –**
  - There is no travel ban on NJ roadways. The Governor requested that people stay off the roads during the COVID-19 emergency unless they are providing or seeking to obtain essential services or supplies.
  - Governor issued EO-125 reducing capacity on NJTRANSIT trains, buses, Light Rail and private carriers by 50%, and requiring employees and customers to wear face coverings when on board all modes of transit.



- NJ Transit will update information at the following link;  
[https://www.njtransit.com/var/var\\_servlet.srv?hdnPageAction=COVID19ProtectionTo](https://www.njtransit.com/var/var_servlet.srv?hdnPageAction=COVID19ProtectionTo)
- NJ Transit updated schedules are available at the following link;  
[https://www.njtransit.com/hp/hp\\_servlet.srv?hdnPageAction=HomePageTo](https://www.njtransit.com/hp/hp_servlet.srv?hdnPageAction=HomePageTo)
- New Jersey to New York, NY Waterway ferry service is suspended until further notice.  
<https://www.nywaterway.com/AdvisoryDetails.aspx?aid=655>
- Amtrak implemented major service adjustments  
<https://www.amtrak.com/alert/service-adjustments-due-to-coronavirus.html>
- The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) will update information at the following link;  
<https://www.panynj.gov/port-authority/en/alerts/coronavirus-updates.html>
- **Newark Airport anticipated 3 targeted flights and a total of 55 passengers for screening on April 14.**
- The FMCSA has developed the following website which houses up-to-date information and resources pertaining to COVID-19.
- <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/COVID-19>
- The President has extended the exemptions of the Emergency Declaration through May 15, 2020. Certain liquefied gases used for refrigeration or cooling have also been added to the relief supply list. Please see the link below for the Emergency Declaration Extension and the addition(s) to the relief supply list.  
<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/expanded-emergency-declaration-under-49-cfr-ss-39023-no-2020-002-relating-covid-19>
- **ESF #3 Public Works & Engineering / ESF #10 Hazardous Materials**
  - NJDEP continues to monitor COVID-19 situation updates and coordinate with NJESF-3 and NJESF-10 stakeholders and partners. The Water & Wastewater, Dams, Chemical & Hazardous Materials, Petroleum, Nuclear, Radiological, Solid & Hazardous Waste sectors/facilities continue to protect their operations. Main concerns revolve around staffing, supply chain shortages, adequate personal protective equipment critical for worker protection, exemptions for essential businesses that provide services/support to ensure continuous operations, credentialing for essential personnel, and permit compliance.
  - **NJDEP COVID-19 Regulatory Compliance webpage contains COVID-19 specific Administrative Orders, Advisories, Notices, and Memos - check regularly for updates:** <https://www.nj.gov/dep/covid19regulatorycompliance>
  - Per EO-118, all state parks and forests are closed to the public until further notice. This full closure includes all park lots, grounds, facilities, trails, playgrounds. All park gates and entrances are closed. Trail use, hunting, and fishing is prohibited. Park areas will be patrolled by NJ State Park Police to ensure the public is following the Governor's directives to stay home to help limit the spread of COVID-19. For updates: <https://njparksandforests.org>



- **ESF #6 Mass Care –**

Information at the following link - <https://nj.gov/humanservices/coronavirus.html>

- Delivery of PPE to go to New Lisbon Developmental Center today. DHSOEM team prepared NLDC for delivery of PPE and distribution.
- Disaster Terrorism Branch answered an Eteam request from the NJ EMS Task Force to provide Crisis Counseling (DRCC) services to the National Ambulance team staying at the Hotel in Secaucus. DTB team assessing the need and the time frame of the mission.
- NJOEM Team formed a Non-Congregate Shelter Task Force to work on solutions to house those suspected of having COVID-19 signs and symptoms in a hotel setting. NJDHS is a part of this team that consists of NJOEM, FEMA, NJDOH, and NJDCF personnel. NJOEM and Task Force forwarded a general State wide letter to FEMA R2 and received official approval from FEMA R2 to move forward with same retroactive to March 18th. Conference call held yesterday with team to discuss. Continue to explore additional facilities for future quarantine of Developmental Centers/ Group Home clients, if needed. Operations here will also depend on policy and contractual issues.
- Ensuring vulnerable populations are taken care of during this event. Coordinating with our County OEMs and other partners to identify impacted vulnerable populations and define an approach to conducting wellness checks on them, utilizing Register Ready and other sources of data. NJDHS Divisions are working closely with our Providers and those engaged with the vulnerable populations in order to get a sense of the numbers that will need continued services or wellness checks. Delivery of food may be required as well as support for transportation of dialysis patients. Weekly NJ GAINED calls are being conducted for situational awareness each Monday
- Red Cross ERV supporting feeding operations at Bergen County College with the ERV serving as a distribution point for food items. Asked Red Cross if they want their mission extended. We are asking that local food vendors be utilized to support future feeding operations across the State in order to support that community during this time of crisis if feeding is needed. This is reflected in the State's Situation Report - no food, water or office supply requests will be honored.
- Coordinate Volunteer support through Governor's Office of Volunteerism (GOV), NJVOAD, State VAL to support volunteer opportunities across the State. The Community Foodbank of NJ has been using some volunteers from Team Rubicon, Civil Air Patrol and members of the Mason's to support putting together food boxes. Director Maples of OHSP emailed the Interfaith Advisory Council to assist with volunteer opportunities and other activities around the state. Volunteer Support plan being worked on by GOV, NJVOAD and State VAL.

- **ESF #7 Resource Support –**





- ESF 7 volunteer manpower is available. If manpower is needed for tasks that can be done safely given the social distancing concerns, VOAD may be able to match the volunteers to assist.
- NJVOAD has updated <http://helpnjnow.org> website to accept direct cash donations for NJ Pandemic Relief Fund and other NJ organizations addressing our needs.
- The Department of Treasury is providing requestors with vendor information for them to be able to purchase supplies on their own.
- Continuing private sector outreach, continuing to work on volunteer management procedures, and assigning E-Team requests for PPE under NJOEM in ESF 7.
  
- **ESF #8 NJDOH –**
  - NJDOH requested 50 BLS (Basic Life Support) 25 ALS (Advanced Life Support) from FEMA through their National Ambulance Contract in order to assist with the backlog of 911 calls and the overburdened EMS system in Jersey City and Newark, NJ. These are currently staged at MetLife Stadium and are being managed by the NJ EMS Task Force. An additional 50 BLS and 50 ALS have been requested over the weekend as the call volume continues to rise and the backlog worsening.
  - NJ 2-1-1 is live. Residents can also text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211. This will increase call capacity and reduce wait time.
  - April 14 through April 15, 2-1-1 received **551** calls. Since March 18, a total of **16,646** calls have been received.
  - Text “NJCOVID” to 898211 received **119,372** enrollments to date
  - NJPIES received **433** calls April 14-April 15, 2020 with a total to date **21,961**
  - Communicable Disease Service (CDS) is accepting COVID-19 calls from local health departments, health care providers, and medical facility staff. During regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm, call (609) 826-5964. After hours and weekends, please call (609) 392-2020.
  - COVID-19 Temporary Enforcement Guidance for Fit Testing <https://www.nj.gov/health/workplacehealthandsafety/documents/peosh/COVID%2019%20Temporary%20Enforcement%20Guidance-Fit%20Testing.pdf>
  
- **ESF #12 – NJBPU –**
  - BPU remains in constant contact with the utility sector. Some utilities have ceased entering private homes for service calls.
  - For future planning purposes reviewing utility staff shortages, utility request to give priority testing to essential staff, possible need for hotel space for mutual aid utility workers, and sequestration of mission critical utility worker’s initiative.
  
- **ESF #13 - Public Safety & Security –**
  - New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) is temporarily suspending visits for the next 30 days, effective March 14, 2020 at 1700hrs, to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
  
- **ESF #15 - External Communications and Intergovernmental Relations**
  - (NJOEM) is coordinating with the Governor’s Office PIO and is engaged with social media.

## G. Status of other Sectors



- Labor/Civil Service
  - Guidelines and FAQs for state employees  
<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200310c.shtml>

**H. County/Municipal Activities**

- All County EOCs are Activated
- State of Emergency Declarations (SEOC was notified through ETeam);
  - 13 Counties
  - 191 Municipalities

**I. State Agency EOC activations**

- Port Authority of NY & NJ EOC is at a Level 2 activation 0900-1700hrs.
- NJ Transit EOC is activated.

**J. Planned meetings, calls, press conference**

- 1300hrs 4/15 Governors Press Briefing

**K. Resource Management**

- **28 Resource Request Forms have been sent to FEMA for processing.**
- In order to accommodate the increased procurement and the need for receiving, warehousing and shipping of PPE, a Critical Resource Unit was created under Resource Management Section. This unit handles all of the planning and logistics as it relates to these items and includes an offsite warehouse where all items are shipped from.
  - **61 Ventilators were shipped on 4/13/20.**
  - **Distributed as of 4/8/20:**

PPE Distributed	N95 Masks	Surgical Masks	Face Shields	Surgical Gowns	Gloves
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,076,071</b>	<b>1,642,605</b>	<b>399,820</b>	<b>69,776</b>	<b>2,095,025</b>

- No requests for medicine or medical supplies (i.e. IV poles, BP machines) should be accepted. These items are not procured through this process (ETeam) and must be procured through agency’s normal procurement procedures and policies.
- No food, water, or office supply requests accepted by SEOC.
- When an agency is submitting a resource request via ETEAM, please ensure that the requesting agency is listing their organization in the “Requesting Organization” field (i.e. XXXXX County, New Jersey Department of XXXXXX, etc.). For all County OEM Agencies, please add a summary note in the “Summary of Actions Taken” whether the County Agency can or cannot fill the request and why it cannot be filled (i.e. All vendors have been contacted, vendors cannot meet the request and that you have advised the requester they should continue to reach out to their vendors).
  - Additionally, please include the timeline of “When Needed” and “Quantity of Unit of Measure” filled in (i.e. 1,000 nitrile gloves or 250 N95 masks, etc.).
  - Please enter an actual quantity of items needed (not cases, boxes, etc.)



- For specific procurement guidance from Treasury, refer to memo sent from the NJEOC on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1557hrs.
  - All resource requests must go through County OEMs to NJOEM. Follow normal procedures for requesting resources through E Team.
  - For PPE Requests, please enter the following in the Block - "Tracking Number - State"
    - PPE - Health (Health can submit in bulk)
    - PPE - Non-Health (Each item needs to be submitted separately)
- For Non-Health Care facility related resource requests, the requests must be broken down into separate requests. For example, masks and gloves will go on 2 separate resource requests in ETEAM.
- Please source household commodity resources such as bleach, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes etc. through your own channels.
- NJDOH is providing health care facilities PPE from Health & Human Services – Strategic National Stockpile

#### **L. Recovery/Reimbursements**

- COVID-19 Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures;  
<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/19/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-eligible-emergency-protective-measures>
- RPAs for DR-4488 can be entered at NJEMGrants <https://njemgrants.org/>

#### **M. Other sources of information**

- New Jersey Executive Orders  
[https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/approved/eo\\_archive.html](https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/approved/eo_archive.html)
- New Jersey Administrative Orders  
[https://nj.gov/governor/news/ao/approved/ao\\_archive.shtml](https://nj.gov/governor/news/ao/approved/ao_archive.shtml)
- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest federal disaster Loans  
<https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/nj/newark/about-us>  
<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>
- COVID-19/Novel Coronavirus Information for New Jersey Businesses  
<http://cv.business.nj.gov>
- FEMA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response web page  
<https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus>
- CDC [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)
- CDC Use of Cloth Face Coverings  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
- NJDOE <https://www.nj.gov/education/topics/index.shtml>
- NJDOH <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>
- CDC Guidance for first responders and PSAPs  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-for-ems.html>





- State of New Jersey Emergency Medical Dispatch Guide cards  
<https://www.nj.gov/911/home/highlights/EMD%20Guidecards%202020%20Final.pdf>
- Please utilize the link below to be directed to a spreadsheet published on the New Jersey Department of Children and Families website. It lists, by County, all of the current childcare facilities that have been certified to care for the children of essential employees in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order #110  
[https://www.nj.gov/dcf/coronavirus\\_licensedchildcare.html](https://www.nj.gov/dcf/coronavirus_licensedchildcare.html)
- All New Jersey MVCs will be closed until April 26, 2020. MVC will grant a two month extension for driver licenses, registrations, and inspection stickers scheduled to expire in March, April, and May. Details can be found at the following link;  
<https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/>