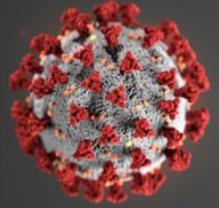


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NEW INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS IN BLUE

NJ COVID-19 Dashboard Updated as of 3/18/2020 2PM

COVID-19 Cases by County

Data is provisional and subsequent to revision.

Note: 13 Unknown counties updated from 3/17, 2 cases updated to out of state from 3/17

Union County:
26 Positive Test Result(s)

Morris County:
19 Positive Test Result(s)

Passaic County:
18 Positive Test Result(s)

Somerset County:
16 Positive Test Result(s)

Mercer County:
15 Positive Test Result(s)

Burlington County:
10 Positive Test Result(s)

Camden County:
8 Positive Test Result(s)

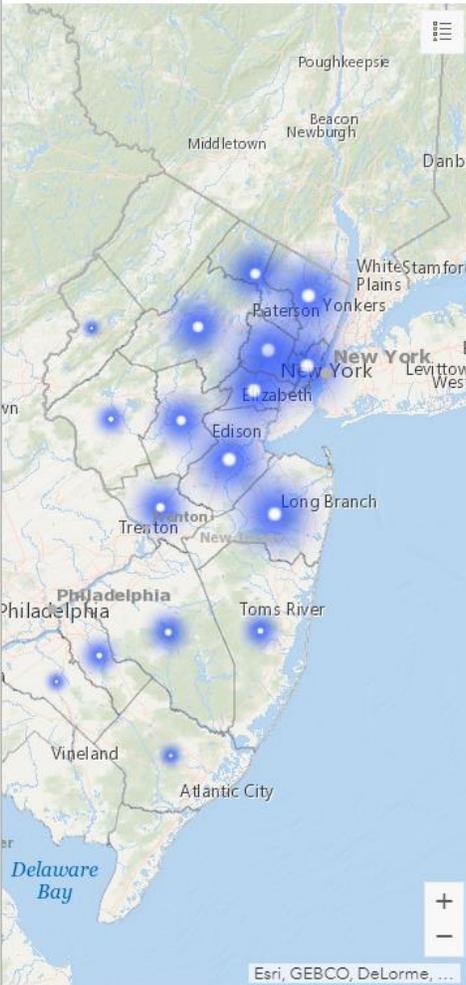
Ocean County:
8 Positive Test Result(s)

Hunterdon County:
6 Positive Test Result(s)

Atlantic County:
3 Positive Test Result(s)

Gloucester County:
2 Positive Test Result(s)

Cases by County:



Click county to see details.

Testing Results

New Jersey
Positives

427

Hotline Calls

Calls in Past 24 Hours

Total Calls To Date

669

8,623

Calls/Day to COVID-19 Hotline



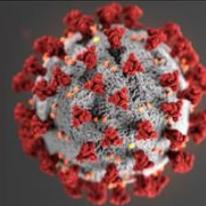
BACKGROUND

The Hunterdon County Health Department and the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management, along with State and Federal partners continue to monitor the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19. The County is closely coordinating prevention and response efforts with representatives from every municipality in Hunterdon County, medical care providers, school districts and first responders.

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KEY MESSAGES

Hunterdon County Declares State of Emergency: The Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management in consultation with the Board of Chosen Freeholders and Health Officer, signed a State of Emergency declaration on March 16th as we work to address resource needs and take other actions in our response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. To this point, the Office of Emergency Management and Hunterdon County, NJ - Health Department have been able to support partners in municipal government and healthcare organizations through filling 101 individual resource requests, which have collectively allocated thousands of pieces of personal protective equipment and other items to safeguard those tasked with patient care. While the County has issued this declaration, the robust status of the County's emergency preparedness and response capabilities remain intact. This declaration is merely another element of our efforts in those areas. On March 18th, the declaration was revised to address item #13 in New Jersey Executive Order No. 103, as well as action to ensure the Continuity of Government in Hunterdon County. View the State of Emergency here:

COVID-19 Case Count: As of Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 2:00PM there are 6 confirmed case of COVID-19 in Hunterdon County residents. The Hunterdon County Health Department is conducting the case investigation and contact-tracing and working in close coordination with Hunterdon Healthcare system. Individuals who had close contact with the patients will be notified by the Health Department and asked to self-quarantine for 14-days. The patients are recovering in isolation at home. As testing has expanded to include New Jersey Public Health Environmental Lab and commercial labs, it is anticipated that case counts will rise throughout New Jersey. Additionally, there are two confirmed deaths statewide as a result of COVID-19. General questions regarding COVID-19 should be directed to the NJDOH COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-222-1222.

Hunterdon County Government Status: Hunterdon County and many municipalities have announced changes to daily operations and meetings. The public is urged to consult individual websites for specific information.

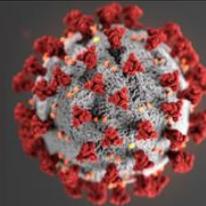
Hunterdon Medical Center: Hunterdon Medical Center (and many other healthcare systems) have announced visitor restrictions at their facility. Consult <http://www.hunterdonhealthcare.org/> and the websites of surrounding healthcare systems for more information.

Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order #104: Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 104 on March 16, 2020 implementing aggressive social distancing measures to mitigate further spread of COVID-19 in New Jersey. Among the directives, the order indefinitely closes all public and private preschool, elementary and second schools, and institutions of higher education, as well as closes all casinos, racetracks, gyms, movie theaters, and performing arts centers. This order also mandates that all non-essential retail, recreational, and entertainment businesses must cease daily operations from 8PM until 5AM. All restaurant establishments, with or without a liquor license, are limited to offering only delivery and/or take-out services only, both during daytime hours and after 8PM. Further, all gatherings in New Jersey shall be limited to 50 persons or fewer.

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Private Sector Impacts: The State of New Jersey is reporting that certain supermarkets / grocers are opening at 6:00AM to accommodate an age bracket in the population that has been directed to avoid crowds. Additionally, New Jersey has created a website for businesses impacted by COVID-19: <http://cv.business.nj.gov/>

Mass Gatherings: On March 16, 2020 Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 104 which revises mass gathering guidance. View the EO here: <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-104.pdf>

Hunterdon County School Closures: Hunterdon County schools continue to manage the many aspects of a two-week school closure. Schools and Emergency Management are collaborating to sustain a mission of food delivery to eligible students.

Medical care providers should contact the Health Department with questions 908-788-1351.

Travel: Due to the rapidly changing situation, travel recommendations and countries with various levels of travel alerts are subject to frequent updates. Please refer callers to the CDC website Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information for Travel page at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html> for the most current information.

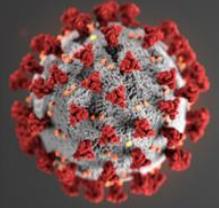
SUMMARY OF HUNTERDON COUNTY ACTIONS / EVENTS

<p><u>Valid: March 15, 16, and 17, 2020</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Execute State of Emergency declaration for Hunterdon County on 3/16; updated on 3/18.• Contact tracing and investigation associated with positive COVID-19 tests• Assess healthcare surge capacity and asset inventory• Coordinate with other county partners through the Northwest region• Process resource orders• Distribute preparedness guidance to first responders, healthcare and other stakeholders• Participate in teleconferences with NJDOH, NJOEM and other partners• Ensure Continuity of Government services within Hunterdon County• Hosted a teleconference with Northwest region counties to discuss regional response efforts
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HUNTERDON COUNTY EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION REPORTS

ESF 1 – Transportation

- Services continue however routes were modified and combined due to decreased trip demand. Easton Coach advised of multiple cancellations today. Communication with the vendor, Easton Coach, is ongoing regarding closures to facilities and programs, which are updated as they develop.
- ARC of Hunterdon County, Joblink and CEA announced closures for the rest of this week and trip cancellations were made.
- Our plan if we need to scale service down is to prioritize all essential medical related transportation first. We would then prioritize other routes or groups as needed. This would include trips to employment and essential shopping trips. We will continue to monitor closures to adjust routes if necessary.
- Easton Coach was notified of closures at DHS offices and a plan is being developed on potential route changes.

ESF 2 – Communications

- Actions remain unchanged from Situation Report 002

ESF 3 – Public Works

- No report

ESF 4 – Firefighting

- Participating in a conference call with NW Region Fire Coordinators on 3/18/2020 to discuss potential impacts of COVID-19 to fire service preparedness
- Responded to multi-alarm fire in Raritan Township on 3/16/2020

ESF 5 – Emergency Management

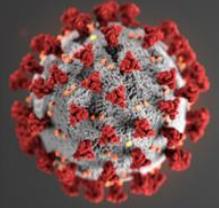
- Declared a State of Emergency for Hunterdon County on 3/17/2020
- Numerous municipalities have issued local State of Emergency declarations
- The Hunterdon County Emergency Operations Center formally activated on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Emergency Support Function Coordinators have been asked to continue to work remotely to maintain social distancing.
- Requested activation of the Strategic National Stockpile to supply Personal Protective Equipment on 3/16
- Working with NJOEM and FEMA to understand what incident related costs will be reimbursable by FEMA or HHS. All public and certain private non-profit organizations should, at a minimum, track FEMA Category B expenses by maintaining agreements, invoices, contracts. Etc. NJOEM recommends keeping all documents.
- Forwarded mental health resources to first responders 3/17/2020 provided by ESF 14B (Human Services)
- Provided resources to support an alternate treatment facility
- The Hunterdon County CERT Coordinator reports 98 deployable personnel

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- Hosted a teleconference with ESF5 and ESF8 Coordinators from Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex and Warren

ESF 6 – Mass Care

- Salvation Army advised that their Friday feeding program is still in effect, but the meals are “to go.”
- Flemington Food Pantry advised that no clients are entering their facility. Their staff is bringing the food out to their cars or out to the client. They advised that they are looking for volunteers to deliver food, Elizabeth offered to connect volunteers to the food pantry as she knows people who are home with their kids and would like to help.

ESF 7 – Logistics / Resource Management

- Resource coordination and allocation continues to be accomplished by ESF 5 & 8A
- List of potential vendors for various supplies, as received from NJOEM, was forwarded by ESF 5
- Emergency Procurement and Storm Recovery Reserve document from the Division of Local Government was forwarded to Municipal OEMs
- Hunterdon County remains unable to fulfill resource requests for hand sanitizer, hand soap, disinfectant wipes, and bleach solution.

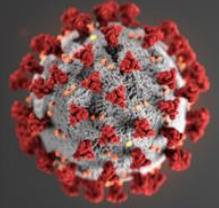
ESF 8A – Public Health

- The first laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19 in Hunterdon County was identified on March 14. Additional Hunterdon County cases were reported on March 17 and March 18. There are currently 6 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Hunterdon County.
- Conducting Public Health investigations for suspected COVID cases and prepared to investigate any immediately reportable COVID-19 positive results in Hunterdon County residents, which includes contact-tracing and self-quarantine guidance, as appropriate.
- Assist in screening patients for testing with medical care providers in accordance with NJDOH testing criteria for PHEL. Providers are encouraged to prioritize commercial lab kits for high risk groups such as healthcare workers, medically fragile, and individuals’ part of a potential cluster of COVID with symptoms.
- Facilitating transfer of suspect COVID case specimens to the New Jersey Public Health Lab
- Provide situation briefing, guidance, and information for public dissemination with specific groups, such as EMS, law enforcement, businesses, and non-profit agencies.
- Continue to inventory available resources and forward needs to ESF 5 as needed.
- The Hunterdon County Medical Reserve Corp activated and is supporting a phone bank in coordination with Hunterdon Healthcare and Hunterdon Medical Center.
- Participation in daily briefings with NJDOH.
- Respond to resident inquiries and community groups, providing direction and guidance as appropriate.

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ESF 8B – Emergency Medical Services

- Local EMS is beginning to see the psychological events of the event. One agency has seen staff withdraw from scheduled shifts. Mental health resources are being compiled by ESF 14 (Human Services)
- NJDOH has released OEMS waivers for:
 - Paramedics working in the hospital setting
 - EMT / Paramedic certification extensions
 - Minimum staffing for licensed resources (BLS & ALS)
 - Use of unlicensed vehicles
 - Out of state providers
- Please notify Andrew Camp if you implement the NJDOH waivers
- Patient transport and hospital receiving guidance has been communicated to EMS providers.
- PPE recommendations and guidance have been shared with EMS agencies
- New Jersey Office of Emergency Medical Services are pursuing waivers to grant extensions for expiring Emergency Medical Technicians and CPR certifications

ESF 9 – Search and Rescue

- No report

ESF 10 – HazMat

- Provided public information to ESF5 regarding the hazards of combining household cleaning products

ESF 11 – Agriculture

- No report

ESF 12 – Utilities

- No report

ESF 13 – Law Enforcement

- The New Jersey Department of Corrections has suspended visitors for 30 days
- Evictions and warrant of removals are suspended until 3/27/2020.
- The New Jersey Attorney General released guidance for Law Enforcement specific to COVID-19 on March 16, 2020.
- The New Jersey Regional Operations and Intelligence Center has provided guidance on managing COVID (or suspected) decedents.

ESF 14A – Long Term Recovery

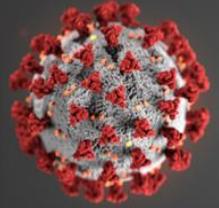
- Tuesday, March 10 – met with Parks & Rec Division Head to discuss feasibility/public & staff safety for continued public program delivery during SOE, in Parks and at Heron Glen Golf Course. Enhanced/daily cleaning to meet CDC guidelines an issue.

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- Discussed Parks' ability to continue to provide safe, socially-distant outdoor-only locations for passive recreation under SOE and with the need for enhanced daily cleaning.
- Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13 – met with GIS Division Head Patty Leidner regarding GIS assistance for OEM. GIS does not have its own ESF # but can provide mapping/support in real time for event prediction and tracking, resource location for enhanced response, etc.
- Friday, March 13 - met with Marc Saluk, HC Economic Development Director to discuss his office's role in future business impact and recovery. EcDev will continue to respond to and assist the business community, particularly with site/alternate site locations.
- Friday, March 13 – discussed with Sandra Greci Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) that ESF-11 Agriculture was not present (did not receive invitation) at the most recent County OEM Council meeting.
 - Noted that former agent was still on the roster; forwarded pertinent documents (April 2010, NJ OEM) with ESF descriptions and scopes. She will share with Megan Muelhbauer.
 - Discussed potential for food and crop condemnation, and future production.
 - ESF11 furnished an article she'd written on maintaining mental health in a crisis; forwarded it to ESF14A and ESF8A for distribution

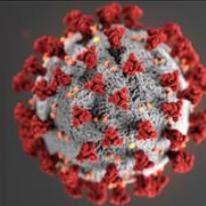
ESF 14B – Human Services

- All DHS offices were closed to the public (except for emergencies) effective 3/16/2020. Signs were placed on the doors in English and Spanish.
- Contact was made to Daytop advising that they should also consider closing. Their director was concerned about psychiatric appointments scheduled for this Friday 3/20. Awaiting follow-up.
- Mental Health/Substance Use- A list of mental health providers for EMS and Fire Fighters was sent to Brayden Fahey to disseminate as needed.
- Volunteer Driver- This program was suspended for two weeks. Drivers were contacted to advise of the suspension and LINK was notified to see if they could absorb the rides.
- Adjusters office- Court is suspended until further notice. Staff will continue to receive and process commitment paperwork.
- Staff for Adult Protective Services must conduct in person interviews to determine eligibility for services. Staff were notified that they should try to schedule as much as possible by phone.
- Effective 3/16/2020 all activities at the Senior Center are suspended until April 6, 2020. A memo was sent to participants and notes were posted on the access doors notifying the public of this change. Staff did a wonderful job in conveying the message to Seniors.
- Meals on Wheels has suspended their congregate meal program as of 3/17/2020. All participants for congregate meals advised that they have family or friends to help with meals. Community volunteers have been sought to augment WoW deliver staff.
- Housing staff were notified that all face to face interviews will cease and only emergent issues will be handled in person. New voucher recipients will be interviewed by phone (until further notice) and will be notified to submit paperwork electronically or by dropping it off at the office.

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- Family Success Center advised that they are closed, and some people can work remotely.
- Family Promise emailed that they are going to remain at the current host site.
- Emergency Assistance applications can be done over the phone- effectively making all face to face contact with clients non-essential.
- No Emergency Assistance will be terminated at this time.
- All Quality Assurance for Emergency Assistance is suspended and counties that were under QA are advised to make their own EA determinations.
- Only Emergent Hearings will take place, which is typically approved when someone is terminated or denied EA and is facing imminent homelessness. These hearings will be conducted via phone until further notice.
- Family Violence Option meetings will be conducted by phone.
- The state is asking that Social Services does not refer clients to 211 after hours if they cannot assist with placement. NJ 211 is advising clients who call them to call Social Services and to not go to the office.
- There are three pending bills in the assembly A3859, A3858 and another (didn't get info on the third bill number and will follow up) to address the COVID 19 crisis.

ESF 15 – External Affairs

- Hunterdon County has initiated public messaging using the County's Community Alerts system.
- Continuing to facilitate information sharing within the Joint Information System

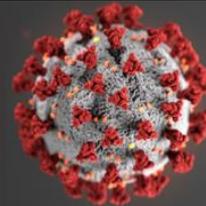
ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED DURING FUTURE OPERATIONAL PERIODS

- Ongoing and continuous activities of the Hunterdon County Health Department include traveler tracking from affected nations, patient screening for COVID-19 testing in coordination with medical care providers, provision of Health Alerts to community agencies, and response to resident and agency inquiries. Case investigation of confirmed cases immediately as reported. Traveler screening has expanded in response to restrictions put in place for European travel.
- Provide a situational briefing to the Hunterdon County Mayors on 3/18
- Assess the need and feasibility of alternative testing sites
- OEM to continue reviewing school contingency plans as directed by NJOEM
- Continue to support resource requests from local government and healthcare.
- Ongoing assessment by Hunterdon County OEM, Health Department, Hunterdon Medical Center and long-term care facilities for patient surge, care and transport.

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- Hunterdon County leadership is facilitating daily conferences calls with key departments and ESF leads to develop situational awareness and a common operating picture.
- OEM and HCHD will participate in daily conference calls with Hunterdon Medical Center.
- OEM will coordinate situation briefings with Hunterdon County first responders, municipal OEMs, and other partners as conditions and the situation required.

GENERAL SAFETY MESSAGE

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are providing specific safety guidance documents to the public, businesses, healthcare, first responders, educational institutions and travelers.

Visit the following website for more information:

Hunterdon County Health Department

<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/coronavirus.html>

New Jersey Department of Health

<https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

The Center for Disease Control

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

EOC ACTIVATIONS

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EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

State of New Jersey – March 9, 2020

County of Hunterdon – March 16, 2020

Flemington Borough – March 16, 2020

High Bridge Borough – March 16, 2020

Bloomsbury Borough – March 16, 2020

Town of Clinton – March 16, 2020

West Amwell Township – March 16, 2020

Milford Borough – March 17, 2020

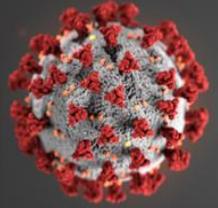
Tewksbury Township – March 17, 2020

Raritan Township – March 17, 2020

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Lambertville City – March 17, 2020

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NEXT SITUATION REPORT

Situation reports will be provided as events & conditions dictate.