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NJ 211 & Poison control



<https://reachnj.gov>

- Have general questions about COVID-19?
- The NJ Poison Control Center and 211 have partnered with the State to provide information to the public on COVID-19:
- Call: 2-1-1
- Call (24/7): 1-800-962-1253
- Text: NJCOVID to 898-211
- Visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/> or nj.gov/health for additional information
- ReachNJ connects individuals who need counseling to live, trained addiction experts who answer the 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week hotline and get callers help, regardless of their insurance status.

NJ Department of Human Services COVID19 resources

<https://nj.gov/humanservices/coronavirus.html>

- Recent press releases

- Childcare
- Developmental Disabilities: Individuals, Families and Providers
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Mental Health & Addiction Services
- NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid
- Social Services

NJ Benefits Screening

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

The NJ Department of Community Affairs has a great (and fast) survey to help you figure out which state assistance programs you qualify for.

NJ Benefits sign-up

<https://www.njhelps.org>

NJ Department of Human Services Policy Response

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

- Automatically extending for 60 days WorkFirst New Jersey cash assistance to individuals whose case is up for renewal in March or April;
- Extending all Emergency Assistance cases through April 30;
- Deeming the current state of emergency as a good cause exemption for the work requirements in WorkFirst New Jersey and SNAP and suspending all adverse actions for non-compliance;
- Convening New Jersey food banks and community pantries to focus on preparedness planning and distribution; and
- Working with homeless shelters to address cleaning and self-isolation policies.

NJ Division of Family Development Program Instruction

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, Governor Murphy issued EO 103, directing all state agencies to appropriately prepare for and respond to this public health concern. In light of EO 103, this Instruction authorize the CWAs/MWAs to temporarily suspend or modify the following as to limit the potential spread of the virus, effective immediately:

- WFNJ face-to-face interviews
- GA 28-day protocol
- NJ SNAP and WFNJ work activity requirements
- WFNJ Redeterminations

Federal Dept of Human Services TANF Q&A

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ofa/tanf_acf_pi_2020_01.pdf

- How can states and tribes use TANF to help anyone affected by the COVID-19 emergency?
- What can TANF help with in the immediate crisis?
- Does a grantee need to submit a plan amendment before making program changes to respond to COVID-19?
- Are there additional funds in TANF to help with this?
- Are there ways that states or tribes can alter benefits or ease requirements of TANF applications or recipients during this emergency?
- What should States or Tribes do if participants cannot meet work requirements because of the COVID-19 pandemic?
- Will States or Tribes be held accountable for the work participation rates during the emergency?
- What should a state or tribe do if it is currently operating under a corrective compliance plan (CCP) for its work participation rate and thinks the pandemic will affect its ability to meet that CCP?
- Will states or tribes be able to expand what counts for work participation during the COVID-19 pandemic? For example will ACF allow more excused hours to count than under the current regulations?

Communicable Disease Service Dashboard

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml

- Communicable Disease Service
- NJ COVID-19 Dashboard
- Map with cases listed by county

Health & Healthcare


NJ Department of Health

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

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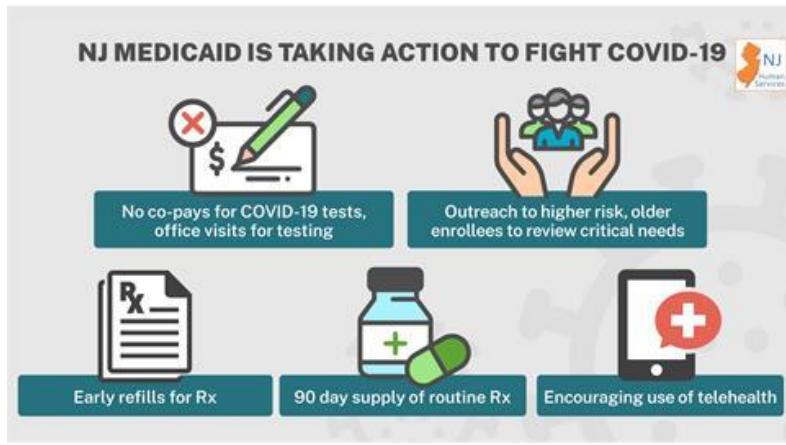
ACA Eligibility Under COVID19

Sign-up for NJFAMILYCARE here <http://www.njfamilycare.org/default.aspx>

<p>Had a big change?</p> <p>Sign up for health insurance at healthcare.gov</p>	<p>¿Tuvo un cambio grande?</p> <p>Inscribase en un seguro médico en healthcare.gov</p>
<p>Certain life changes let you sign up for health insurance outside of open enrollment time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Losing other coverage  • Changes in your income  • Moving to a new home  • Having a baby, adopting, or becoming a foster parent  • Getting married or divorced  • Change in immigration status  	<p>Ciertos cambios en su vida le permiten inscribirse en un plan médico fuera del periodo de inscripción abierta.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pérdida de otra cobertura  • Cambios en su ingreso  • Si se muda a otra casa  • Nacimiento, adopción o si se convierte en padre de crianza  • Matrimonio o divorcio  • Cambio en su estatus de inmigración 
<p>Don't wait!</p> <p>Find out if you qualify for a special enrollment period. You must sign up within 60 days of your change.</p> <p>Visit healthcare.gov for English or cuidadosalud.gov para Español.</p> <p>Or, call NJCA for free in-person enrollment assistance at 1-888-829-3711 or the health insurance Marketplace call center at 1-800-318-2596 (TTY 1-855-889-4325) for free help in your language.</p> <p>Visit GetCovered.NJ.gov for information on free enrollment assistance and more.</p> 	<p>¡No espere!</p> <p>Averigüe si califica para un periodo de inscripción especial. Debe inscribirse dentro de 60 días después del cambio.</p> <p>Visite healthcare.gov para obtener información en inglés o cuidadosalud.gov en español.</p> <p>O, llame al 1-877-8NAVIG8 o al centro de llamadas del mercado de seguros de salud al 1-800-318-2596 (TTY 1-855-889-4325) para recibir ayuda gratis en su idioma.</p> <p>Visite GetCovered.NJ.gov para obtener información sobre la ayuda gratis para inscribirse y más.</p> 

Medicaid/Medicare Response to COVID19

<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/press/2020/approved/20200310.html>



Mental Health Telephone Support

<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/press/2020/approved/20200323b.html>

New Jerseyans can call 1-866-202-HELP (4357) for free, confidential support. NJ Mental Health Cares will be answered from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week by live trained specialists.

Opioid Treatment Programs

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

- Issue guidance to Opioid Treatment Programs, which provide essential medication such as methadone or buprenorphine to individuals with an opioid use disorder, on ensuring the safe provision of medication including take-home medication;
- Releasing guidance mental health and substance use disorder providers on preparedness and response, including ensuring continued access to services for individuals in need of services; and
- Working closely with community providers to identify and ensure needs are met.

NJ Department of Human Services Directive for NJFamilyCare (Medicaid and CHIP):

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

- Directs NJ FamilyCare, the State's Medicaid program, to cover testing, visits for testing, and testing-related services without cost to members.

- Directs the waiving of COVID-19 testing, visits for testing, and testing-related services in the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- The NJ FamilyCare program will also cover 90-day supplies of prescriptions for maintenance medications, will encourage providers to use telehealth for routine visits when telehealth options are available, will mobilize health plan care managers statewide to ensure that people who are at high risk due to medical conditions or disability receive the services and support they need.
- Directs hospitals to waive cost sharing for uninsured individuals who are eligible for charity care for medically necessary testing and testing-related services for the COVID-19 virus.

NJ Department of Health Bulletin for Acute Care Hospitals for the Charity Care Program:

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

- Advises hospitals to refrain from imposing cost sharing for uninsured individuals eligible for charity care, for any visit to the hospital, when the purpose of the visit is to be tested for COVID-19.
- Advises hospitals to waive any cost-sharing for COVID-19 laboratory tests for uninsured individuals eligible for charity care.

NJ Division of Pension and Benefits for SHBP/SEHBP Action

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/covid-19.pdf>

- Advises that for the SHBP and SEHBP, all cost sharing for emergency room (in or out of network hospitals), urgent care (in network), or provider office visits (in network) associated with medically necessary testing for COVID-19 are to be waived.
- Directs the Pharmacy Benefit Manager to lessen restrictions on early refill for Rx on maintenance medications so that individuals have access to medically necessary medications without waiting until the end of prescription cycle.
- Directs the Third-Party Administrator for the SHBP and SEHBP to inform beneficiaries about the availability of telemedicine and telehealth services.

NJ Policy Responses to Telehealth

<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/press/2020/approved/20200323.html>

NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services is directing the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations and for the Medicaid Fee for Service Program that MCOs and Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare will:

- Provide reimbursement to providers for telehealth, including tele-mental health services, in the same manner as for face-to-face services as long as the services are performed to the same standard of care as if the services were rendered in-person.
- Waive site of service requirements for telehealth, allowing NJ licensed clinicians (such as physicians, nurse practitioners, clinical psychologists, and licensed clinical social workers) to provide telehealth from any location and allowing individuals to receive services via telehealth from any location.
- Permit use of alternative technologies for telehealth such as telephonic and video technology commonly available on smart phones and other devices.

NJ Department of Banking and Insurance is directing carriers in the individual, small and large group markets to:

- Review their telemedicine and telehealth networks to ensure adequacy, given the apparent increased demand, as well as grant any requested in-plan exceptions for individuals to access out-of-network telehealth providers if network telehealth providers are not available, including, but not limited to, mental health and behavioral health providers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech therapists, and any other health providers capable and authorized to provide telehealth or telemedicine services pursuant to State law or other State-issued guidance.
- Cover, without cost-sharing any healthcare services or supplies delivered or obtained via telemedicine or telehealth.
- Encourage providers to utilize telemedicine or telehealth services to minimize exposure of provider staff and other patients to those who may have the COVID-19 virus.
- Ensure that the rates of payment to in-network providers for services delivered via telemedicine or telehealth are not lower than the rates of payment established by the carrier for services delivered via traditional (i.e., in-person) methods.
- Notify providers of any instructions that are necessary to facilitate billing for telehealth services.
- Allow for telephonic telehealth services and flexibility in the specific technology used to deliver the services.
- Eliminate (may not impose) prior authorization requirements on medically necessary treatment that is delivered via telemedicine or telehealth.
- Disseminate information on their website, or other reasonable means, to notify individuals of these updates.

NJ Department of Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits has directed Horizon to:

- Continue to provide 24/7 Access to Horizon Nurse Line over the phone at no cost to members.
- Cover, without cost-sharing, telehealth for in-network providers.
- Horizon Care Online, a consumer friendly, telehealth platform, is available to provide telehealth visits.
- Expand access to Telehealth/Telemedicine to include network providers outside of Horizon Care Online, including both mental and physical health providers in their network.
- Onboard a service entitled Inpathy, Inc., which allows those behavioral health providers that are currently in network to quickly onboard onto a Telehealth digital platform that will facilitate appointments between members and providers. The service is available for appointments from 7am to 11pm, 7 days per week.
- Additionally, CMS has recently relaxed telemedicine and telehealth restrictions for these products in the Medicare Advantage plans. Aetna, the SHBP/SEHBP's only MA provider, has contracted with a digital telemedicine provider to augment the capabilities of its current network in order to provide increased access to telemedicine services.

NJ Department of Health, Charity Care Program:

Charity Care Eligible patients will have access in the acute care setting that mirrors the Medicaid program changes detailed above.

NJ Department of Children and Families, Children's System of Care (CSOC):

For all nonresidential mental health, substance use, and intellectual and developmental screening and treatment services contracted by CSOC and/or prior authorized by PerformCare, CSOC will:

- Provide reimbursement to providers for telehealth and tele-mental health services in the same manner as for face-to-face services as long as the services are performed to the same standard of care as if the services were rendered in-person.
- Waive site of service requirements for telehealth, allowing NJ licensed clinicians (such as physicians, nurse practitioners, clinical psychologists, and licensed clinical social workers) to provide telehealth and telepsychiatry from any location and allowing individuals to receive services via telehealth from any location.

- Permit use of alternative technologies for telehealth and telepsychiatry as telephonic, video technology commonly available on smart phones and other devices.

NJ Division of Consumer Affairs, within the Department of Law & Public Safety will:

- Waive certain statutory and regulatory provisions, for the duration of the declared state of emergency, in order to reduce barriers for practitioners to engage in telemedicine, as authorized by legislation signed by Gov. Murphy on March 20, 2020.
- Specifically, these waivers will eliminate restrictions that prevented practitioners from establishing a doctor/patient relationship using telemedicine or telehealth, provide greater flexibility in the types of technologies that may be used, including the telephone, and remove requirements that patients be physically present at a specific address in order to engage in telehealth or telemedicine.
- Encourage licensees to utilize alternative technologies for telehealth such as audio-only telephone or video technology commonly available on smart phones and other devices. Providers now have the flexibility to use all available and appropriate technological devices to offer telehealth as long as these services meet the standard of care.

Employment

NJ Department of Labor COVID-19 Dashboard

<https://www.nj.gov/labor/worker-protections/earnedsick/covid.shtml>

Lists scenarios to help determine what benefits a person may qualify for if they lost employment due to COVID-19

COVID-19 ESCENARIOS, DERECHOS Y BENEFICIOS DISPONIBLES				
COVID-19 ESCENARIOS	LICENCIA POR ENFERMEDAD PAGADA	SEGURO DE DESEMPEÑO	SEGURO DE INCAPACIDAD TEMPORAL Y LICENCIA FAMILIAR	COMPENSACIÓN DE TRABAJADOR
1 Una persona que tiene o tiene síntomas de COVID-19	✓	✗	✓	?
2 El trabajador no pudo trabajar debido a la escuela o guardería cerrada por razones de salud pública	✓	✗	✗	✗
3 El trabajador fue expuesto y puesto en cuarentena. El negocio permanece abierto.	✓	✗	✓	?
4 Una persona que está sin trabajo porque el empleador cerró voluntariamente	✗	✓	✗	✗
5 Una persona que está sin trabajo porque se ordenó el cierre del empleador	✓	✓	✗	✗
6 El trabajador tiene menos horas disponibles de trabajo debido a desaceleración o debido a falta de demanda	✗	✓	✗	✗
7 El empleador permanece abierto, desafiando la sugerencia de cerrar por razones de salud pública, y el trabajador se niega a trabajar	✓	?	✗	✗
8 El trabajador tiene miedo de reunirse en un grupo y se niega a ir a trabajar (distanciarse)	✓	✗	?	✗
9 El trabajador tiene un sistema inmunitario deteriorado y está aconsejado o auto-cuarentena por el proveedor de cuidado de salud	✓	✗	✓	✗
10 Trabajador de salud expuesto a COVID-19 en el trabajo y se decide ponerse en cuarentena	✓	✗	✓	✓
11 El trabajador está cuidando a un ser querido enfermo	✓	✗	✓	✗



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✓ SÍ | ✗ NO | ? POSIBLE (CASO POR CASO)
 La información en este folleto tiene la intención de dar una idea general de los beneficios y derechos disponibles en ciertas situaciones relacionadas con el trabajo y COVID-19. Documentación puede ser requerida.
 PRODUCIDO: 16 MARZO 2020

COVID-19 SCENARIOS & BENEFITS AVAILABLE				
COVID-19 SCENARIOS	EARNED SICK LEAVE	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	TEMPORARY DISABILITY / FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE	WORKERS' COMPENSATION
1 A person who has COVID-19, or symptoms of COVID-19	✓	✗	✓	?
2 Worker was unable to work because of school or daycare closed for a public health reason	✓	✗	✗	✗
3 Worker was exposed and quarantined. Business remains open.	✓	✗	✓	?
4 A person who is out of work because employer voluntarily closed	✗	✓	✗	✗
5 A person who is out of work because employer was ordered closed	✓	✓	✗	✗
6 Worker has less hours available due to business slow down or lack of demand	✗	✓	✗	✗
7 Employer stays open in defiance of public health urging to close, and worker refuses to work	✓	?	✗	✗
8 Worker is afraid of gathering in a group and refuses to go to work (self-distancing)	✓	✗	?	✗
9 Worker is immune-compromised and advised by healthcare provider to self-quarantine	✓	✗	✓	✗
10 Health care worker exposed at work and self-quarantined	✓	✗	✓	✓
11 Worker is caring for a sick family member	✓	✗	✓	✗



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✓ YES | ✗ NO | ? MAYBE (CASE BY CASE)
 The information on this flyer is meant to give a general picture of benefits and rights available in certain COVID-19 work-related situations. Documentation may be required.
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NJ Unemployment Application

<https://myunemployment.nj.gov>

New guidance about when to file your weekly claim:

<https://myunemployment.nj.gov/labor/myunemployment/schedule.shtml>

If the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number are between:

- 0000 and 2500** please access the application between **8am and 10am**
- 2501 and 5000** please access the application between **10am and 12pm**
- 5001 and 7500** please access the application between **12pm and 2pm**
- 7501 and 9999** please access the application between **2pm and 4pm**

Regardless of the time you claim your benefit, your payment will be processed overnight.

If you miss your designated window, you may certify from 4pm to 7pm.

NJ COVID-19 Jobs and Hiring Portal

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

NJ Food Council Partnership with NJ Restaurant & Hospitality Association Job Opportunities

<https://njfoodcouncil.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NJFC-Members-Hiring.pdf>

Child Care

NJ Department of Human Services Update

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

NJ Department of Human Services announced they will be: Waiving parent co-pays in state's child care subsidy for parents who request it due to impacts from COVID-19, Providing an additional \$100 per child per month to child care providers for children in the State child care subsidy program to help child care centers remain open during this critical time to support working parents, emergency and essential personnel; and Making grant funding available to child care centers to support cleaning supplies or services.

The Department of Human Services Division of Family Development will implement the following policies, effective immediately:

<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200318b.shtml>

- Continue to pay child care providers for an extended period of time encouraged for those required to close by the health department, school district, or county executive related to COVID-19;
- Ensure providers commit to clean at the highest level of disinfection cleaning during this period of time;
- Waive parents/caregivers' child care subsidy co-payments for parents who request it due to impacts from COVID-19;
- Provide child care providers who remain open during this critical time a differential of \$100 per child each month above the state reimbursed rate for children enrolled in the child care subsidy program;
- Compensate providers who remain open even if children are absent due to COVID-19;
- Give extended time to working parents to submit verification of works hours for the initial application process;

- Extend recertification timelines for at least three months in order for child care services to remain open;
- Allow parents or caregivers to continue their child care subsidy if their hours are reduced or if they are laid off due to COVID-19; and
- Make grants available for child care providers who participate in the child care subsidy program, including family child care providers, to clean and sanitize their facility or home; or to purchase additional supplies or services necessary to keeping centers and homes safe and sanitary.

Child Care NJ

<https://www.childcarenj.gov/Resources/Coronavirus>

- Resources for parents about speaking to their children about COVID19
- Resources for child care providers
- COVID19 training about preventing the spread of communicable disease in child care settings



Child Care Centers Closures NJ Executive Order 110

<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-110.pdf>

Only childcare centers that are servicing the children of essential personnel and are able to comply with social distancing in childcare guidelines are to remain open

Child Support During COVID19

<https://www.njchildsupport.org/Health-and-Safety>

- Child Support payments continue to be processed.
- The New Jersey Family Support Payment Center continues to print and mail checks.
- Cash payments will no longer be accepted at local offices effective Monday, March 23.
- All online and retailer payment options remain available for customers.
- The New Jersey Family Support Services Center may be experiencing higher than usual call wait times.

- Enforcement of Relief to Litigants Rights hearings during the weeks of 3/16/20-3/27/20 are cancelled.
- Bench Warrant hearings shall be conducted using telephonic and video technology to the greatest extent possible.
- Child support proceedings are being conducted by phone or video conference to the greatest extent possible.

Housing

NJ Rental Assistance Programs

<https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/srap.html>

Help for Homeowners

<https://www.fhfa.gov/Homeownersbuyer/MortgageAssistance/Pages/Coronaviruss-Assistance-Information.aspx>

Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac (the Enterprises) and the Federal Home Loan Banks are taking steps to help people who have been impacted by the coronavirus. If your ability to pay your mortgage is impacted, and your loan is owned by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, you may be eligible to delay making your monthly mortgage payments for a temporary period, during which:

- You won't incur late fees.
- You won't have delinquencies reported to the credit bureaus.
- Foreclosure and other legal proceedings will be suspended

If you have trouble catching up at the end of this temporary relief period, additional assistance may be available. You can work with your servicer to resume making a mortgage payment. Or if you need additional assistance, you can work with your servicer on other foreclosure prevention options to keep your home.

Contact your mortgage servicer (the company where you send your monthly payments) as soon as possible to let them know about your current circumstances. The telephone number and mailing address of your mortgage servicer should be listed on your monthly mortgage statement.

Mortgage & Finance

NJ Dept of Banking and Insurance Recommendations Banking Division Regulated Entities/Individuals:

https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_04.pdf

Consistent with safe-and-sound banking practices, relaxing due dates for loan payments (of all types, including mortgage, commercial, student and other consumer loans), extending grace periods, modifying terms on existing loans, easing credit card limits, extending new credit, waiving late fees and other fees, allowing customers to defer or skip payments, and delaying the submission of delinquency notices to credit bureaus.

NJ Banking Entities

https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_05.pdf

Notify regulated banking entities to provide prompt notice of changes to branch operating hours; inform regulated entities of requirement to submit notices, inquiries, correspondence, and applications electronically, effective immediately and until further notice; inform regulated entities that in cases in which operational challenges persist, DOBI will expedite, as appropriate, requests to provide more convenient availability of services in affected communities; notify regulated entities that DOBI will work with them in scheduling examinations or inspections to minimize disruption and burden. The bulletin may be found here

NJ Mortgage Lenders, Loan Servicers, and Other Regulated Entities

https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/bulletins/blt20_06.pdf

Issue guidance and inform mortgage lenders and certain regulated entities of no-action position regarding temporarily working from home due to COVID-19; Requires certain actions.

Utilities

NJ Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) Eligibility & Application

<https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/hea.html>

Department of Community Affairs Update

<https://www.nj.gov/bpu/newsroom/2020/approved/20200313.html>

New Jersey's Board of Public Utilities has announced that all of NJ's public electric, gas and water utilities have agreed to suspend service shutoffs. Participating Companies include: Atlantic City Electric, Jersey Central Power and Light, Orange Rockland Electric, PSE&G, Elizabethtown Gas, New Jersey Natural Gas, or South Jersey Gas.

Keep Americans Connected Pledge

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-363033A1.pdf>

- Not terminate service to any residential or small business customers because of their inability to pay their bills due to the disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic;
- Waive any late fees that any residential or small business customers incur because of their economic circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic; and
- Open its Wi-Fi hotspots to any American who needs them.

Internet Essentials

<https://www.internetessentials.com>

Comcast basic Internet for \$10/month or free for 60 days if eligible for free or reduced lunch programs, Medicaid or SNAP

Hunger

Hunger Free NJ Update

<https://hungerfreenj.org/news/addressing-hunger-during-coronavirus-crisis>

There have been significant state and federal responses aimed at addressing hunger during the COVID-19 outbreak. While there is still more to do, we have put together a web page that details new state and federal legislation designed to make it easier for schools to feed students during this closure, help people keep and apply for food assistance and increase funding for these programs.

Find NJ Food Assistance

<https://hungerfreenj.org/food-assistance/>

Both state and federal officials are working to provide more flexibility to feed people through federal nutrition programs. This includes waiving certain requirements for both applicants and current recipients of SNAP and WIC, as well as easing requirements for child nutrition programs.

Emergency Food Response

<https://www.cfanj.org/home-2/news/covid-19-updates/>

Food banks and pantries are trying to meet the growing need for emergency food assistance. Many are providing pre-packaged meals and bags on a drive-thru basis. Under new state legislation, New Jersey's major food banks will receive additional funds, but many still struggle to meet the demand.

NJ Child Nutrition - COVID-19 Needs and Resources Survey

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGqSJyF6BaDdY00-nEvQoATbleTyZBV5fIPV0uhGnx3FTxUQ/viewform>

- The Child Nutrition Fund, administered by Reinvestment Fund with support from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, provides grants to organizations to feed children through the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Services Program.
- Reinvestment fund is exploring ways to increase its responsiveness to assist organizations in continuing access to child nutrition during school closures. Please help identify immediate resource needs by filling out this brief survey

SNAP-Ed

<https://njsnap-ed.gov>

Making healthy food choices on a limited budget can be tough... and SNAP-Ed is here to help. Throughout this website, you will find handy tips for eating smart, delicious recipes that fit into even the toughest budgets, updates on outdoor activities in your area and tips on how to eat healthy and be active.



Disabilities

Department of Human Services Update

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

- Temporarily closing congregate day programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and supporting this transition;
- Providing flexibility to families to quickly hire workers and working closely with program providers and direct support professionals during the closure;
- Releasing guidance for community providers of services to the developmentally disabled on COVID-19 preparedness;
- Keeping residents who are deaf or hard of hearing informed through American Sign Language videos, interpreters at State emergency response press conferences, and other activities; and
- Conducting outreach to clients who depend on our Personal Assistance Service Program for individuals with physical disabilities and our Traumatic Brain Injury Fund to ensure needs are being met.

COVID19 resources in ASL

<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/press/2020/approved/20200319.html>






https://nj.gov/humanservices/documents/covid/Corona%20Virus%20Card%20-%20%20up-RB_v2.pdf





NJ HUMAN SERVICES CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION
I AM DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING

I am using this card to communicate. I may need a certified sign language interpreter or captioning to communicate.


Symptoms:

 **FEVER**  **COUGHING**  **SHORTNESS OF BREATH**


Travel recently by:

Which country?






Was near a person who has COVID-19?



How long sick? (number of days)

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Disaster Relief for NJ residents with disabilities

<https://www13.state.nj.us/SpecialNeeds/Signin?ReturnUrl=%2fSpecialNeeds%2f>

Register Ready – New Jersey’s Special Needs Registry for Disasters” allows New Jersey residents with disabilities or access and functional needs and their families, friends, caregivers and associates an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergency.

The information collected here is confidential and will not be available to the public. The information will be held securely and only used for emergency response and planning.

Supporting Vulnerable Populations

CDC Guidelines for Homeless Shelters

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

- [Interim Guidance for Homeless Shelters](#)
- [Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations](#)
- [People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness](#)

An Influenza Pandemic Planning Guide for Homeless and Housing Service Providers

http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/sites/default/files/public/php/71/71_guide_0.pdf

NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence Guidance

<https://njcedv.org/covid19/>

Resources on the response to the Coronavirus

National Domestic Violence Hotline Guidance

<https://www.thehotline.org/2020/03/13/staying-safe-during-covid-19/>

Staying Safe During COVID-19

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Guidance

<https://ncadv.org/blog/posts/what-dv-orgs-need-to-know-coronavirus>

What Domestic Violence Organizations Need to Know about Coronavirus

Tahirih Justice Center COVID-19 & Immigrant Survivors

<https://www.tahirih.org/pubs/the-impact-of-covid-19-on-immigrant-survivors-of-gender-based-violence/>

Analysis: The Impact of COVID-19 on Immigrant Survivors of Gender-Based Violence

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- Mobilizing nurse care managers at Medicaid health plans to call high risk populations to identify and address their critical needs including supplies such as durable medical equipment and food;
- Allowing older residents receiving prescription drugs through Medicaid or the state prescription drug assistance program (PAAD and Senior Gold) to refill their prescriptions early and receive 90-day supplies of maintenance medications;

- Working with our county partners to ensure that those receiving home-delivered meals continue to have access to food;
- Partnering with counties to end congregate dining in senior centers while helping to ensure that participants continue to have access to food;
- Working with counties to support telephone outreach to seniors known to be socially isolated;
- Encouraging health care providers to use telehealth for routine visits, as appropriate;
- Working closely with community and institutional providers to ensure resident needs are met; and
- Conducting telephonic outreach for our most vulnerable residents seeking enrollment in social service benefits.

Multi-generation household factsheet

<https://www.gu.org/app/uploads/2020/03/COVID-19-Fact-Sheet-3-17-20.pdf>

COVID19 Policy

NJ Executive Order 107

<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-107.pdf>

How this might affect my Business?

<https://faq.business.nj.gov/en/articles/3799035-how-do-executive-orders-no-107-and-108-on-closures-and-social-distancing-affect-my-business>

- Closing non-essential businesses
- Exemptions
- Other special instances

NJ Division of Consumer Affairs Response to Price Gouging

<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/News/Pages/03172020.aspx>

The Division reports having logged a total of 619 complaints related to alleged COVID-19 price gouging or other consumer protection violations, as of 2:00 p.m. on March 17. The number of complaints has more than doubled since March 12, when the tally stood at 270. Nearly all of the complaints were received since March 4. DCA has sent

approximately 82 cease-and-desist or warning letters to businesses about which it has received complaints, or is sending those letters imminently. In addition, DCA has completed at least 159 inspections, and has issued or will imminently issue 13 subpoenas for additional information.

Coalition on Human Needs Call to Action:

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/covid-comprehensive/?link_id=4&can_id=2251ab67f1b7b4ed715e90e9c452f399&source=email-tell-congress-we-have-more-work-to-do-2&email_referrer=email_755509&email_subject=send-congress-a-letter-tell-them-we-have-much-more-work-to-do

“Write to your members of Congress now, calling for the swift passage of a next round of legislation to avert economic disaster including increasing federal Medicaid payment to states, providing more nutrition assistance, ensuring more workers have paid leave, expanding unemployment insurance, preventing evictions, and making sure people with disabilities can get the medications and care they need.”

Provides platform to quickly write to your representatives