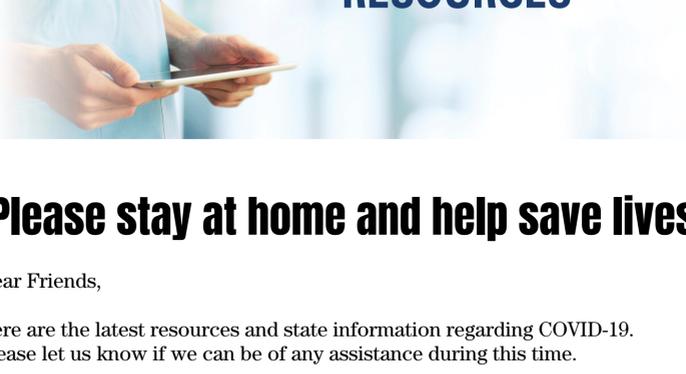


# WEEKLY UPDATE



## 22<sup>ND</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



### COVID-19 RESOURCES

## Please stay at home and help save lives.

Dear Friends,

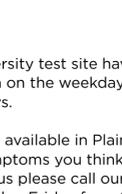
Here are the latest resources and state information regarding COVID-19. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance during this time.



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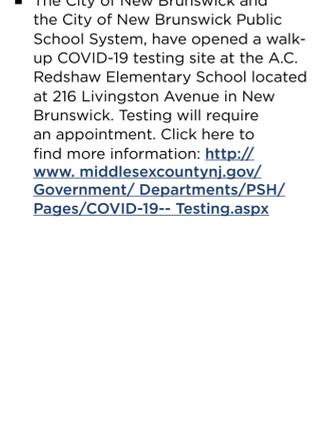


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### TESTING SITES



#### Union County:

Hours at the Kean University test site have changed to 9 am - 4 pm on the weekdays and 9 am - 2pm on Saturdays.

COVID-19 testing is now available in Plainfield. If you're experiencing symptoms you think might be related to the coronavirus please call our hotline at (908) 546-1084 Monday-Friday from 8:30AM-5:00PM. You'll be connected to a health professional who will conduct a medical telehealth screening. If you meet the criteria for testing, arrangements will be made for you to be tested at the drive through site at Kean University, or by a mobile unit which will come to you. After 5:00PM and on weekends, please call the Union County hotline at (908) 214-7107

#### Middlesex County:

Middlesex testing locations:

- 33 Kilmer Road in Edison
- The City of New Brunswick and the City of New Brunswick Public School System, have opened a walk-up COVID-19 testing site at the A.C. Redshaw Elementary School located at 216 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick. Testing will require an appointment. Click here to find more information: <http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/COVID-19--Testing.aspx>

### COVID-19 DRIVE-THRU SCREENING

**CALL US 24/7 TO BE TESTED**

COUNTY RESIDENTS DEDICATED PHONE LINE  
**908-214-7107**

**ARE YOU EXPERIENCING SHORTNESS OF BREATH, FEVER, COUGH?**

**OPEN TO ALL UNION COUNTY RESIDENTS - FIRST RESPONDERS - HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**  
\*FREE OF CHARGE\*

**DOCTORS & HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**  
Please refer patients experiencing COVID-19 symptoms to:  
**CALL 24/7 908-214-7107**

A SERVICE OF THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
**UNION COUNTY**  
We're Connected to You!  
MORE INFO ON UNION COUNTY'S COVID-19 RESPONSE AT: [WWW.UCNJ.ORG](http://WWW.UCNJ.ORG)

### SOMERSET & HUNTERDON TESTING SITE for COVID-19

**Location:** Raritan Valley Community College, 118 Livingston St., Basking Ridge, NJ 08854

**Time:** 10 am to 1 pm

**Dates:** APRIL 16, 17 & 20

**WHO CAN BE TESTED?**

- Must be a resident of Hunterdon or Somerset County age 5 & above.
- Must show proof of residency at the test site, such as a valid driver's license or state-issued identification.
- Must be exhibiting symptoms: FEVER, COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH.
- Must have a valid prescription or written order from a physician.

Residents can make an appointment and complete a registration form by visiting: <https://somerset-hunterdon.adlabscovidtest.com>

Residents without access to a computer can call: (908) 237-7150

**STAY SAFE. SAVE LIVES.** For more information, contact [coronavirus@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:coronavirus@co.somerset.nj.us)

#### Somerset County:

Somerset County has opened a new testing site in partnership with Hunterdon County located on the campus of Raritan Valley Community College.

Testing is by appointment only. Click here to schedule an appointment <https://somerset-hunterdon.adlabscovidtest.com/>

FAQs for testing sites in NJ: [https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information-general-public/where-and-how-do-i-get-tested-for-covid-19-in-new-jersey-who-should-get-testing?fbclid=IwAR3-2gF\\_oKd9jH9rrboVdnWeAUzd824X-1cXv5HVBfJc1BRIL4xQQGe4Y1ZYoKd-9jH9rrboVdnWeAUzd824X1cXv5HVBfJc1BRIL4xQQGe4Y1ZY](https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information-general-public/where-and-how-do-i-get-tested-for-covid-19-in-new-jersey-who-should-get-testing?fbclid=IwAR3-2gF_oKd9jH9rrboVdnWeAUzd824X-1cXv5HVBfJc1BRIL4xQQGe4Y1ZYoKd-9jH9rrboVdnWeAUzd824X1cXv5HVBfJc1BRIL4xQQGe4Y1ZY)

### COVID-19 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

**NJ - NY - PA - CT - DE - RI - MA**

A MULTI-STATE COUNCIL TO GET PEOPLE BACK TO WORK AND RESTORE THE ECONOMY

### COVID-19 UPDATE

EFFEAT AT SUNRISE ON MAY 2ND:

- ALL STATE PARKS WILL REOPEN
- GOLF COURSES AND COUNTY PARKS WILL BE ALLOWED TO REOPEN

SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL CONTINUE TO BE MANDATED

### EXECUTIVE ORDERS

**Executive Order 128:** Allows tenants to direct their landlords to use their security deposits to offset rent or back rent

**Executive Order 129:** Extends carry permits for retired law enforcement officers and creates process for carry permit applicants to demonstrate qualifications

**Executive Order 130:** Allows municipalities to extend grace period for May 1st property tax payments until June 1st

**Executive Order 131:** Creates a commission charged with advising the administration on the timing and preparation for New Jersey's recovery from the COVID-19 shutdown

**Executive Order 132:** Allows county and municipal clerks to accept initiative and referendum petitions electronically, and allows signatures for these petitions to be collected electronically

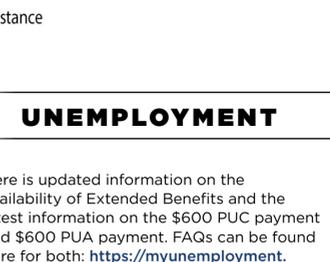
**Executive Order 133:** Reopens state parks and golf courses, and restores the authority of county governments to determine whether county parks will be open or closed. The order takes effect at sunrise on Saturday, May 2nd

## GOVERNOR MURPHY ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR RESTORING ECONOMIC HEALTH THROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH

### The Road Back: Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health

### Six Key Principles

Governor Phil Murphy announced his vision, "The Road Back: Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health," to restart New Jersey and put the state on the road to recovery. Gov Murphy's stay-at-home Executive Order, which has been in effect since March 21st, will remain in effect in its entirety until further notice. The following six principles and key metrics will guide the process for lifting restrictions and restoring New Jersey's economic health through public health.



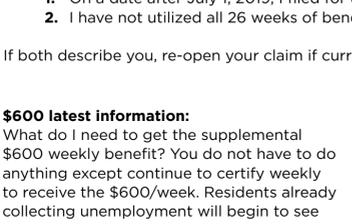
- Principle 1: Demonstrate Sustained Reductions in New COVID-19 Cases and Hospitalizations**
  - 14-day trend lines showing appreciable and sustained drop in cases, hospitalizations, and other metrics;
  - Hospitals stepping down from functioning under crisis standards of care.
- Principle 2: Expand Testing Capacity**
  - At least double current diagnostic testing capacity;
  - Prioritize testing for health care workers, essential personnel, and vulnerable populations;
  - Create a flexible testing plan accessible to all residents;
  - Expand partnerships with institutions of higher education, private-sector labs, and the federal government.
  - Ensure that those who test positive are linked to a health care provider.
- Principle 3: Implement Robust Contact Tracing**
  - Recruit and deploy an army of personnel who will identify and follow-up with contacts;
  - Leverage technological data and innovative solutions to increase efficiency;
  - Coordinate the approach of local and state health officials, which will have a coordinated county/regional component.
- Principle 4: Secure Safe Places and Resources for Isolation and Quarantine**
  - To the greatest extent possible, provide individuals who do test positive in the future with a safe and free place to isolate and protect others from COVID-19;
  - Ensure that quarantined contacts are provided supportive services, if needed.
- Principle 5: Execute a Responsible Economic Restart**
  - Create the Governor's Restart and Recovery Commission to advise on the process and recommend responsible and equitable decisions;
  - Plan for a methodical and strategic return to work based on level of disease transmission risk and essential classification;
  - Continuation of social distancing measures where feasible and appropriate;
  - Leverage any available federal funds and programs to support health care, individual, and small business recoveries.
- Principle 6: Ensure New Jersey's Resiliency**
  - Learn from the lessons of COVID-19 and prepare for the possibility of a resurgence;
  - Ensure hospitals, health care systems, and other health delivery facilities have inventories of personal protective equipment and ventilators;
  - Build our own state personal protective equipment and ventilator stockpile;
  - Create a playbook for future administrative for the next pandemic.

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WANT UP-TO-DATE INFO?

Call: 2-1-1  
Call (24/7): 1-800-962-1253  
Text: NJCOVID to 898-211  
Text: your zip code to 898-211 for live text assistance

### UNEMPLOYMENT



Here is updated information on the availability of Extended Benefits and the latest information on the \$600 PUC payment and \$600 PUA payment. FAQs can be found here for both: <https://myunemployment.nj.gov/labor/myunemployment/covidFAQ.shtml#600> and <https://myunemployment.nj.gov/labor/myunemployment/puainstructions.shtml>.

**Extended Benefits New Information:** What do I need to do to access the 13-week extension of benefits?

Are you currently receiving or have applied for unemployment benefits? If yes, no action is required. The 13-week extension will be automatically available to you after your current balance is exhausted. Otherwise, read the scenarios below:

- SCENARIO A:** Do these describe you?
- On a date after July 8, 2018, I filed for unemployment.
  - I have not worked since the dates in 2018-2020 when I collected unemployment.
  - I have exhausted my balance OR my benefit year ended on my most recent claim.
- If this describes you, WAIT for notification from NJ DOL before you certify for benefits.
- SCENARIO B:** Do these describe you?
- On a date after July 8, 2018, I filed for unemployment.
  - I have worked since the dates in 2018-2019 when I collected unemployment.
- If both describe you, file a new claim if you haven't already.
- SCENARIO C:** Do these describe you?
- On a date after July 1, 2019, I filed for unemployment benefits.
  - I have not utilized all 26 weeks of benefits.
- If both describe you, re-open your claim if currently closed. Begin certifying for benefits again.

The Department of Labor will begin notifying recipients of the 1<sup>st</sup> round of federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance payments.

Visit [covid19.nj.gov](http://covid19.nj.gov) if you are self-employed, an independent contractor, or a gig worker, for information on PUA benefits.

### STATE RESOURCES

- NJ COVID-19 Information Hub**
- DCA Announces foreclosure prevention resources, including information about the Foreclosure Mediation Assistance Program, you can visit <https://www.nj.gov/dca/hmfa/foreclosure/facts/>. Additional information about the foreclosure intention filing system can be found at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/foreclosure.html>
- Reporting a Business that is non-essential: <https://covid19.nj.gov/violation> If you believe an employer, organization, or entity is violating any part of Executive Order 107
- The Department of Human Services has launched a website to help you determine what benefits you're eligible for: <https://njfc.force.com/njhelps/NJHelpsHomePage>

### SNAP ASSISTANCE DURING CORONAVIRUS

Do you receive SNAP Benefits?

Many New Jerseyans who receive food assistance through NJ SNAP will receive a higher benefit in May to help address critical food needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- You will receive the difference between your regular SNAP and the maximum benefit for your family size.
- For example, if you are a family of one, the maximum benefit is \$194 per month so you will receive the difference between your regular monthly amount and \$194.
- For a family of three the maximum amount is \$509, so you will receive the difference between your regular monthly amount and \$509.
- The extra benefit will be added directly to your families EBT card. You will receive your May SNAP benefits during your regular time at the new maximum level.
- If you want to check your balance before you go to the grocery store, please visit [www.NJFamiliesFirst.com](http://www.NJFamiliesFirst.com) where you can view your current card balance and transaction history, or call the number on your card to hear the information.

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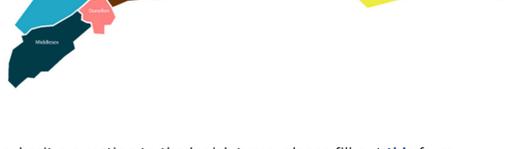


- PPE Donations**
  - Items of demand: N95 Masks or similar face masks, Eye protectors, Gloves, Gowns, Nitrile gloves, respirators
- Food Donations**
  - [Vitalant](http://www.vitalant.org), [American Red Cross](http://www.AmericanRedCross.org), [NY Blood Center](http://www.NYBloodCenter.org)
  - Food Bank Information**
  - Volunteer Opportunities:** Visit <http://helpnjinow.org/>

### TOWN UPDATES

PLEASE VISIT YOUR LOCAL MUNICIPAL PAGE FOR DAILY TOWNSHIP UPDATES:

- Clark
- Dunellen
- Fanwood
- Green Brook
- Linden
- Middlesex
- North Plainfield
- Plainfield
- Rahway
- Scotch Plains
- Winfield



Questions: If you would like to submit a question to the legislatures, please fill out [this](#) form.