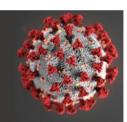
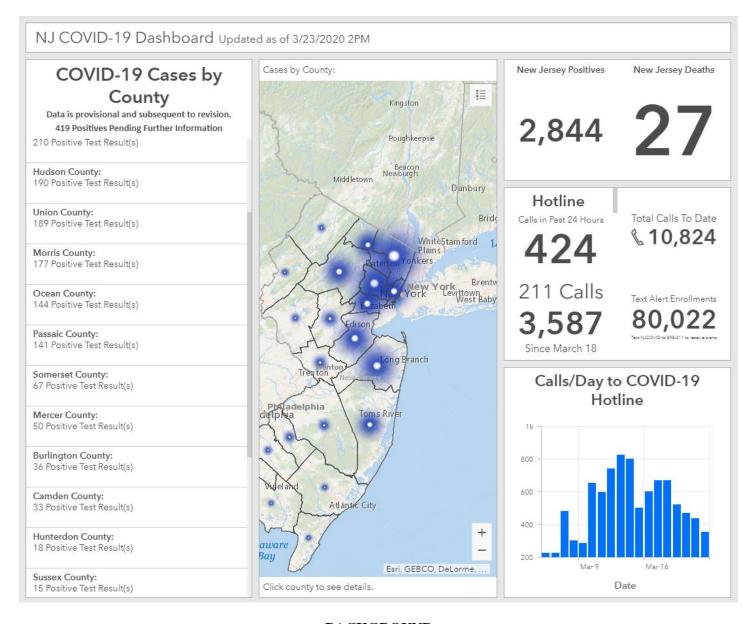
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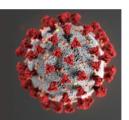




#### **BACKGROUND**

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**

#### **COVID-19 Case Count:**

United States 41,708

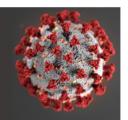
New Jersey 2,844 Hunterdon County 21

- The are 21 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Hunterdon County. Individuals range in age from 21-60.
- Hunterdon County departments and divisions have implemented COOP / COG procedures. Many offices have employees working off-site. Essential service delivery will continue.
- Hunterdon County is coordinating donations in accordance with the Hunterdon County Emergency Operations Plan. Donations of PPE are being accepted at the United Way of Hunterdon County (20 Fulper Rd Flemington). More information or to donate, visit this website: <a href="http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/Coronavirus/PPE-Donations.html">http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/Coronavirus/PPE-Donations.html</a>
- Seniors or those with access and functional needs who need assistance in receiving food should contact Hunterdon Helpline
- Those looking to volunteer should contact Hunterdon Helpline.
- Governor Murphy, through Executive Order No. 107, has requested all residents to stay at home. Gatherings are limited to 10 or less individuals.
- New Jersey has created a COVID-19 web portal at https://covid19.nj.gov
- New Jersey is coordinating rumor control and misinformation here: <a href="https://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/covid19">https://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/covid19</a>
- FEMA announced an Emergency Declaration for the COVID-19 response effort.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to New Jersey small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19: https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela

# **SUMMARY OF HUNTERDON COUNTY ACTIONS / EVENTS**

- Establish donations management and coordination program in accordance with the Hunterdon County
   Emergency Operations plan with the assistance of United Way of Hunterdon County.
- Contact tracing and investigation associated with positive COVID-19 tests
- Participated in calls with Hunterdon County Mayors
- Participating in daily coordination calls with Hunterdon Medical Center
- 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**

- People with fever and cough should not ride the LINK. Drivers will be instructed to ask passengers who are visibly ill to not board the vehicles.
- Capacity on the bus will be limited to 5 passengers on the vehicle at one time. Passengers will be asked to practice social distancing while on the vehicles.
- All non-essential trips should be cancelled. Essential Trips include dialysis, critical medical appointments and food shopping.

#### **ESF 2 - Communications**

• Working with ESF8A and ESF5 to ensure NJDOH compliance with first responder information sharing

#### ESF 3 – Public Works

No report

#### ESF 4 – Firefighting

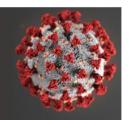
- The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety is requiring the County Fire Coordinators to provide weekly reports that offer insight into COVID related trends within the fire service. The reports are intended to assess staffing and readiness.
- Assessing Hunterdon County Fire Department staffing trends

## ESF 5 - Emergency Management

- NJOEM has advised that FEMA has issued an Emergency Declaration for New Jersey COVID-19 (EM-3451) with an incident period initiating on January 20, 2020. Eligible costs include those pertaining to Emergency Operations Centers, Emergency medical care, Medical sheltering, movement of supplies and person, and more. This carries a 75% / 25% cost share.
- Activated the Hunterdon County Donations Management Plan to coordinate public PPE donations
- Hunterdon County CERT on standby for various requests for aid.
- Forwarded requests for PPE and COVID-19 testing kits / resources to NJOEM / FEMA
- Continue to facilitate resource requests
- Participating in teleconference briefings with Hunterdon County Mayors
- Provided teleconference briefing to local OEMs and first responders 3/20
- Coordinating county efforts in accordance with County Emergency Operations Plan

#### ESF 6 - Mass Care

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Reviewing guidance specific to COVID and congregate population sheltering

## ESF 7 - Logistics / Resource Management

- Hunterdon County has issued a request to the public to donate PPE items. More information is available here: <a href="http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/Coronavirus/PPE-Donations.html">http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/Coronavirus/PPE-Donations.html</a>
- Remains unable to support requests for disinfectant materials
- Unable to provide gown, face shields, and goggles
- Continuing to receive and process resource requests

#### ESF 8A - Public Health

- Public Health Nursing staff continuing daily case investigations.
- Working with Flemington-Raritan School District for case investigation
- Implemented updated guidance for case investigation from NJDOH
- Addressing public inquiries and providing public information
- Facilitating specimen transport to NJ Public Health Laboratory
- Recalled equipment cache from the North Hunterdon POD Task Force
- Provide first responder agencies with PPE donning / doffing training & fit testing

## ESF 8B - Emergency Medical Services

- Distributed PPE clarification and guidance on 3/22
- Distributed guidance for alternative procedures in EMS transports to Hunterdon Medical Center
- Multiple EMS personnel are under 14-day quarantine due to exposure to suspect cases

# ESF 9 - Search & Rescue

• ESF 9 has cancelled future Hunterdon County Technical Rescue Task Force training in accordance with CDC and NJ guidance for social distancing

# ESF 10 – HazMat

No report

#### ESF 11 – Agriculture

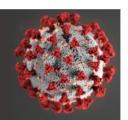
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#### ESF 12 – Utilities

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#### ESF 13 - Law Enforcement

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No report

### ESF 14A – Long Term Recovery

- Division of Parks & Recreation
  - o Public programs cancelled through 3/31.
  - Heron Glen has closed in accordance with the New Jersey Executive Order(s).
  - County Parks visitor/nature centers, restrooms, playgrounds, picnic areas, pavilions, and similar facilities are closed to the public in order to protect public health and safety. Park Rangers are on duty.
  - County Parks and Open Spaces remain open for passive recreation, including roads, parking areas, trails and other open space areas.
  - Visitors are advised to follow National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) guidelines for using parks and open spaces safely: <a href="https://www.nrpa.org/about-national-recreation-and-park-association/press-room/NRPA-statement-on-using-parks-and-open-space-while-maintaining-social-distancing/">https://www.nrpa.org/about-national-recreation-and-park-association/press-room/NRPA-statement-on-using-parks-and-open-space-while-maintaining-social-distancing/</a>
- Division of Planning/GIS
  - GIS staff are available to assist OEM and other departments as needed for mapping/support, etc.
  - County Agriculture Development Board (CADB) Coordinator is updating the list of Hunterdon County farm markets, and of local farmers who grow and sell food and food products.
  - CADB Coordinator responded to a request from a natural food store to assist with finding local sources of fresh produce.

#### ESF 14B – Human Services

Reviewing schedules and delivery of services for Daytop program.

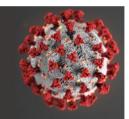
#### ESF 15 - External Affairs / Public Information

- Hunterdon County is continuing to maintain county web resources for COVID-19. A new webpage has been created for donations.
- Continue use of Community Alerts system for COVID-19 information dissemination to the public

### VOAD / COAD

- Hunterdon Helpline can assist with food supply for seniors and vulnerable populations
- Due to the state mandate, the Hunterdon County YMCA has closed all facilities/programs/classes. Since there is currently no restriction on daycare facilities our full-day child care facility in Annandale remains open to serve our parents that still need this service. However, there is reduced staffing here due to the reduction in children attending the program.

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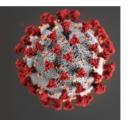


- There is a small group of admin staff/directors who are either working remotely at home or at the office but practicing recommended hygiene and social distancing. Our Senior Team holds daily conference calls.
- Progressive Center for Independent Living is operational and communicating with consumers and providers
- Hunterdon County Head Start is closed through March 27. Working to support families during the closure.
- The Arc of Hunterdon is in 24/7 crisis mode with daily (and sometimes multiple times daily) Coronavirus Task Force meetings, with follow up guidance being delivered to staff, parents, guardians, members, etc. To-date, no client or staff person has tested positively for COVID-19. Our office is open but we are working on staggered shifts, with as many people as possible working from home. Our day programs have been closed for a week and DDD, subsequent to our closure, required all day programs statewide to close. Day staff are now working in our Residential Program. If called upon, The Arc can make vehicles (sedans and mini-vans) available in the event there is a need. We cannot provide drivers.

### Private Sector / Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development

- The Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce continues to put out daily information via our website, social media and other means to communicate information to the Business Community.
- Last week the Chamber hosted a Coronavirus Business Briefing for our Members where the Karen Demarco Department Director of the County Health Department, Brayden Fahey County Emergency Management Coordinator and the Dr. Geralyn Prosswimmer, Chief Medical Director, Hunterdon Healthcare presented very useful information to the membership.
- There is a joint Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce and Hunterdon County Economic Development Business Resources page that continues to get updated daily with information at: https://www.hunterdon-chamber.org/covid-19-business-resources.html
- The Chamber has been participating in a daily conference call with the Mayors of Hunterdon County, sharing information and resources to be disseminated to local businesses.
- I have been in continuous communication with Brayden Fahey the Hunterdon County OEM Coordinator and Karen DeMarco, Hunterdon County Director of the Health Department assisting wherever needed.
- The Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce has begun to have regular calls with the leadership from our local Business organizations: High Bridge Merchants Group, Clinton Guild, Flemington Community Partnership, Frenchtown Business Association, Milford Merchants Association, Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce and the County Office on Economic Development.
- A survey from the Hunterdon County Chamber and Hunterdon County Economic
  Development was put out today that will start to gage the Economic Impact and needs of the
  Business Community.
- The Chamber is promoting Buy Hunterdon Buy Local through social media and other means. Yesterday we launched a Hunterdon County Restaurant Blitz Campaign on social media and will have a page on our websites as well promoting curbside pickup, delivery and

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take out options. The Facebook page went live last night and has over 400+ members as of this morning: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/538590153454320/?epa=SEARCH\_BOX">https://www.facebook.com/groups/538590153454320/?epa=SEARCH\_BOX</a>

### 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.
- Maintain accurate cost accounting and records in working NJOEM Public Assistance Unit
- 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.
- 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:

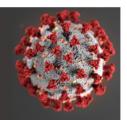
Hunterdon County Health Department <a href="http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/coronavirus.html">http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/coronavirus.html</a>
New Jersey Department of Health <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml">https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml</a>

The Center for Disease Control <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</a>

#### **EOC ACTIVATIONS**

Hunterdon County - March 17, 2020

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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

Holland Township - March 17, 2020

Lambertville City – March 17, 2020

## **NEXT SITUATION REPORT**

Situation reports will be provided as events & conditions dictate.