

A Business Leader's Guide to the Coronavirus



The latest information collected by the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce about how the outbreak is affecting New Jersey and your business.

Cases in New Jersey - New Jersey officials [announced 89 new coronavirus cases](#) Tuesday increasing the statewide total to 267 positive tests with three deaths as the outbreak continues to expand.

Business Closures - Gov. Murphy yesterday [mandated the indefinite closure across New Jersey](#) of 1) all indoor portions of retail shopping malls and 2) all indoor and outdoor places of public amusement. This supplements the list of facilities currently closed to members of the public, which includes casino gaming floors, racetracks, gyms and entertainment centers.

Restaurants and Bars Can Partially Operate - [Takeout and delivery are still an option](#) at restaurants and bars until 8 p.m. (including those in malls that have a separate entrance).

No Groups of 50 or More - The governor teamed with governors of New York and Connecticut to recommend the [cancellation or postponement of in-person events consisting of 50 people or more](#). "The work against coronavirus isn't just up to some of us, it's up to all of us," Murphy said.

Calling in the Military - Gov. Murphy yesterday [requested the support of the United States military](#) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assist New Jersey's efforts to expand hospital and intensive care unit capacity in preparation for the continued spread of COVID-19.

NJ Chamber Flash Survey - Virtually all NJ Chamber of Commerce member firms expect to feel a negative impact from the coronavirus crisis, [according to our survey](#). About a third are anticipating a workforce downturn. Two-thirds approve of Gov. Murphy's response.

Employee Benefits Info on One Page - Here is a [good chart](#) on what benefits employees qualify for when their work status is impacted by coronavirus.

Resources - New Jersey set up a website with [information for businesses](#) and the impact of coronavirus. The U.S. Small Business Administration set up a website with info on [business guidance & loan resources](#) related to coronavirus.

Scam Alert - If you receive a call from a scammer or suspect price gouging, please report it to N.J. Division of Consumer Affairs at (973) 504-6240 or at <http://njconsumeraffairs.gov>.

Coronavirus Hotline - Gov. Murphy has set up a 24-hour hotline where trained healthcare professionals are standing by to answer questions about coronavirus. The number is 1-800-222-1222 and the call is free. If using an out-of-state phone line, call 1-800-962-1253.

CDC Guidance for Businesses - [A guide for business and employers for dealing with the Coronavirus](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce is staying on top of Coronavirus (COVID-19) developments. For news media requests, please email [Scott Goldstein](#).