

COVID-19 Update – April 8, 2020

**NJ new positives – 3,088; new deaths – 275 (48 from Long Term Care facilities)
Statewide totals: 47,437 positives and 1,504 deaths**

**Atlantic County: 17 new positives; No new deaths;
Totals to date: 173 cases countywide with 4 deaths**

Breakdown by Municipality:

Atlantic City – 2; Buena Borough – 1; Buena Vista Township – 1; Egg Harbor Township – 3; Galloway – 3; Hamilton Twp. – 3; Northfield – 1; Pleasantville – 2; and Ventnor – 1.

Previously Reported Cases:

Absecon – 8; Atlantic City – 25 and 1 death; Brigantine – 2; Buena Borough – 8; Egg Harbor City – 4; Egg Harbor Twp. – 29 and 3 deaths; Galloway – 20; Hamilton – 13; Hammonton – 7; Linwood – 7; Longport – 2; Margate – 1; Northfield – 2; Pleasantville – 13; Somers Point – 5; Ventnor – 9; and Weymouth - 1

New Executive Orders signed today by Governor Murphy

1. June 2 Primary Election moved to July 7 (preserves possibility to vote in person; otherwise we have enough time to adjust system to handle volume of vote-by-mail ballots)
2. All non-essential construction ends Friday, April 10 at 8 PM; limit number of people in manufacturing jobs; increase weight of trucks transporting COVID-19 supplies from 40,000 to 46,000 tons
3. NJ supermarkets must limit customers to 50% of store capacity; all inside (employees and customers) must wear masks; limit time in store, especially for those at high risk, immune-compromised and seniors

Local Government Services

Trying to expand what can be procured
Bid openings – looking at live, remote bid openings

Edison Field Hospital is open with 500 beds; each field hospital will have chief nursing and chief medical officers, respiratory officials and is looking for people to fill these positions

State portal is open for COBOL trained volunteers at COVID19.nj.gov

Donations/PPE

Wawa sent 53-ft. truck to Bergen County to support morgue facilities

NJDOH

Toured Edison Field Hospital; accepting low acuity medical patients to allow acute care hospitals to deal with COVID-19 patients

Field Hospitals will accept COVID-19 patients when the number exceed capacity at acute care facilities

State is working on a plan for Long Term Care facilities to address statewide response to exposure; reviewing plans from all facilities; visiting facilities; all staff must wear masks; taking inventory of beds and PPE; looking at staffing plans; facilities that can't meet criteria will have residents moved to those that can

Key reason for hospital diversions has been staffing

Governor has a task force to address medication shortages in hospitals

Compliance/Enforcement

Working on contracts with ambulances to move residents of long term care facilities and hospitals

No state money pledged at this time for primary elections, though Governor has not yet dealt with the Judiciary regarding this change.

Governor's EO to close state and county parks was due to large amounts of acreage. He left municipal parks to make their own decisions. However, he would reconsider that if they fail to abide by social distancing requirements.

