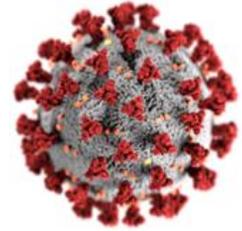


New Jersey COVID-19 Updates:

- **NJ Department of Human Services is launching the Department's Excluded New Jerseyans Fund (ENJF) website**, where individuals can learn about the ENJF program and [check their eligibility](#) for this financial benefit before the application for the program opens later this month. ENJF provides a one-time, direct cash benefit to eligible households who have suffered an economic hardship due to COVID-19 and were excluded from both the federal stimulus checks and COVID-related unemployment assistance, *including undocumented individuals, residents reentering from the justice system and any other individuals otherwise excluded.*
- **New Jersey's Eviction Prevention Program** will pay up to two years of rent arrears and future rent, as well as utility assistance, for low, moderate and middle-income households that have experienced economic impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Eviction Prevention Program uses the same application process as the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which began in March 2021 and is still accepting applications. Landlords may apply for assistance on behalf of a tenant. Visit <https://njdca.onlinepha.com/> to get started. Visit [DCAid Service Portal](#) to locate additional programs.
- **NJDCA: COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Phase II** will provide rental arrears and temporary rental assistance to low and moderate-income households that have had a substantial reduction in income, qualified for unemployment benefits, incurred significant costs or experienced a financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Applications](#) are now being accepted. This assistance is available regardless of immigration status.
- **Utility Assistance Programs:** If you're having trouble affording your utility bills, [utility assistance programs](#) are available. Due to economic hardship caused by the pandemic, New Jersey temporarily expanded its low-income energy assistance programs and its debt forgiveness program to middle class households.
- **Vaccination Requirements:** New Jersey has announced that multiple workplace settings will require employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or be subject to COVID-19 testing a minimum of once/twice per week. Vaccination requirements may be found on the [NJDOH website](#).
- **COVID-19 testing sites:** The Morris County Division of Health keeps an updated list of COVID-19 testing locations. Check their list of [testing sites](#) for more information.
- **Town Hall – Teens and the COVID-19 Vaccine:** Dr. Meg Fisher will be discussing COVID-19 vaccines, including benefits, myths, facts and possible side effects, on October 19 at 6:00pm. This event is for teens but all are welcome. For details, click this link: [Register today](#)



Health/Mental Health:

- **Empowering Families for a Successful Return to the Classroom in the COVID-19 Era** is a program that reviews strategies to develop a strong support system and teach effective coping skills that may be utilized to help families thrive with a successful learning experience. A recording of this program is [available here](#).
- **The Family Outreach Program (FOP) and the Morris County Family Success Center** invite Spanish-speaking parents who have children between the ages of 5-12 years old to participate in an Active Parenting group, Wednesdays from 6:00pm -7:00pm. *To register, contact Karina Garcia (973-908-7093; karina.garcia@centerffs.org) or Erica Correa (973-620-9711; ecorrea@partnershipmch.org).*