

# Coronavirus Updates

Borough officials are monitoring this active and very fluid situation. We will provide any important updates here and, post at the Borough as they occur. Please note that you should continue to monitor the CDC and Gloucester County Board of Health sites linked below as they will always have the most up to date information.

**State of Emergency:** On March 9, 2020 Governor Murphy declared a State of Emergency. In most cases, including this one at this time, a State of Emergency does not require the citizens to take any particular action but it does have an effect on the functioning of various levels of government. It also is a necessary step needed if federal funds become available to deal with whatever caused the declaration. One of its key purposes is to allow the Governor to distribute money, staffing and resources to various local government entities without going through normal bureaucratic processes. This declaration also allows New Jersey Office of Emergency Management to act on behalf of the Governor to employ the resources and assets of state, local and private agencies to provide immediate assistance to localities. As a result, the Price Gouging Law goes in to effect. If you suspect price gouging you can contact the Division of Consumer Affairs by filing an [online complaint](#) or calling (973) 504-6240

**Public Health Hotline** - New Jersey established a public health hotline where trained healthcare professionals are standing by to answer questions. (800) 222-1222

## Sources of Information

The best sources of information on this issue continue to be official government resources. You can find those here:

[Center for Disease Control](#)

[New Jersey Department of Health](#)

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

[Information for the general public](#) - From the New Jersey Department of Health

[Information for Businesses and Schools](#) - From the New Jersey Department of Health

**More facts:** The CDC encourages citizens to know the facts about Coronavirus and help stop the spread of rumors. To do so, please be aware of these 5 key facts:

1. ***The disease can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity:*** People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.
2. ***Some people are at an increased risk of getting COVID-19:*** People who have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or people who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread are at an increased risk of exposure.
3. ***Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people:*** For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease situation [summary page](#).

4. **You can help stop COVID -19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:** They are fever, cough, and shortness of breath. You should seek medical advice if you develop symptoms AND have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or live in or have recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Call ahead before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room. Tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.

5. ***Follow these simple steps:*** You can help keep your self and other healthy by performing simple tasks such as washing your hands often, avoiding touching your face with unwashed hands, staying home when sick, and covering your cough/sneeze with a tissue