

COVID-19 New Jersey Information

Governor Phil Murphy has announced departmental actions from the Department of Human Services, Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Treasury, Department of Health, Department of Children and Family Services and the New Jersey Division of Community Affairs to ensure New Jerseyans have access to telehealth and tele-mental health services to the greatest extent possible during the COVID-19 outbreak.

New Jersey Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson has outlined steps the Department has taken to assist and protect those we serve amid the ongoing work to contain COVID-19 including:

- Making it easier for Medicaid beneficiaries to refill their prescriptions early and stock a 90-day supply of their maintenance medications;
- Convening New Jersey food banks and community pantries to focus on preparedness planning and distribution; and
- Working with homeless shelters to address cleaning and self-isolation policies.
- Encouraging health care providers to use telehealth for routine visits, as appropriate;
- Temporarily closing congregate day programs;
- Releasing guidance mental health and substance use disorder providers on preparedness and response, including ensuring continued access to services for individuals in need of services; and
- Working closely with community providers to identify and ensure needs are met.

Department of Children and Families, Children's System of Care (CSOC):

For all nonresidential mental health, substance use, and intellectual and developmental screening and treatment services contracted by CSOC and/or prior authorized by [PerformCare](#), CSOC will:

Provide reimbursement to providers for telehealth and tele-mental health services in the same manner as for face-to-face services as long as the services are performed to the same standard of care as if the services were rendered in-person.

Permit use of alternative technologies for telehealth and telepsychiatry as telephonic, video technology commonly available on smart phones and other devices.

Bills recently signed into law to address the Coronavirus crisis.

- [A3855](#) Requires food access information be displayed on websites of 2-1-1 system and executive branch departments during public health emergencies to the extent practicable.
- [A3859](#) Concerns prohibition of residential tenant eviction and eviction due to residential foreclosure during certain emergency circumstances.
- [A3843](#) Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of coronavirus disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency.
- [A3860](#) Establishes certain requirements to use telemedicine and telehealth to respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- [A3848](#) Concerns time off from work in connection with infectious disease.