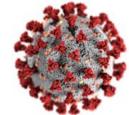


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New Jersey COVID-19 Updates:

 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 <u>check their eligibility</u> 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 ir*



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 <u>DCAid Service Portal</u> 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. <u>Applications</u> are now being accepted. This assistance is available regardless of immigration status.
- Utility Assistance Programs: If you're having trouble affording your utility bills, <u>utility assistance</u> <u>programs</u> 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 <u>testing sites</u> 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: <u>Register today</u>

Health/Mental Health:

- The Family Outreach Program (FOP) and the Morris County Family Success Center invites Spanishspeaking parents who have children between the ages of 5-12 years old to participate in an Active Parenting group, Wednesday's 6:00pm – 7:00pm. *To register, contact Karina Garcia (973-908-7093;* <u>karina.garcia@centerffs.org</u>) or Erica Correa (973-620-9711; <u>ecorrea@partnershipmch.org</u>).
- 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 can be utilized to help families thrive with a successful learning experience. A recording of this program is available here.
- The 2021 Flu Clinic will be held in the Butler Court Room on October 26 from 4:30pm 6:30pm. Call (973) 838-7200, ext. 237, to schedule an appointment.