



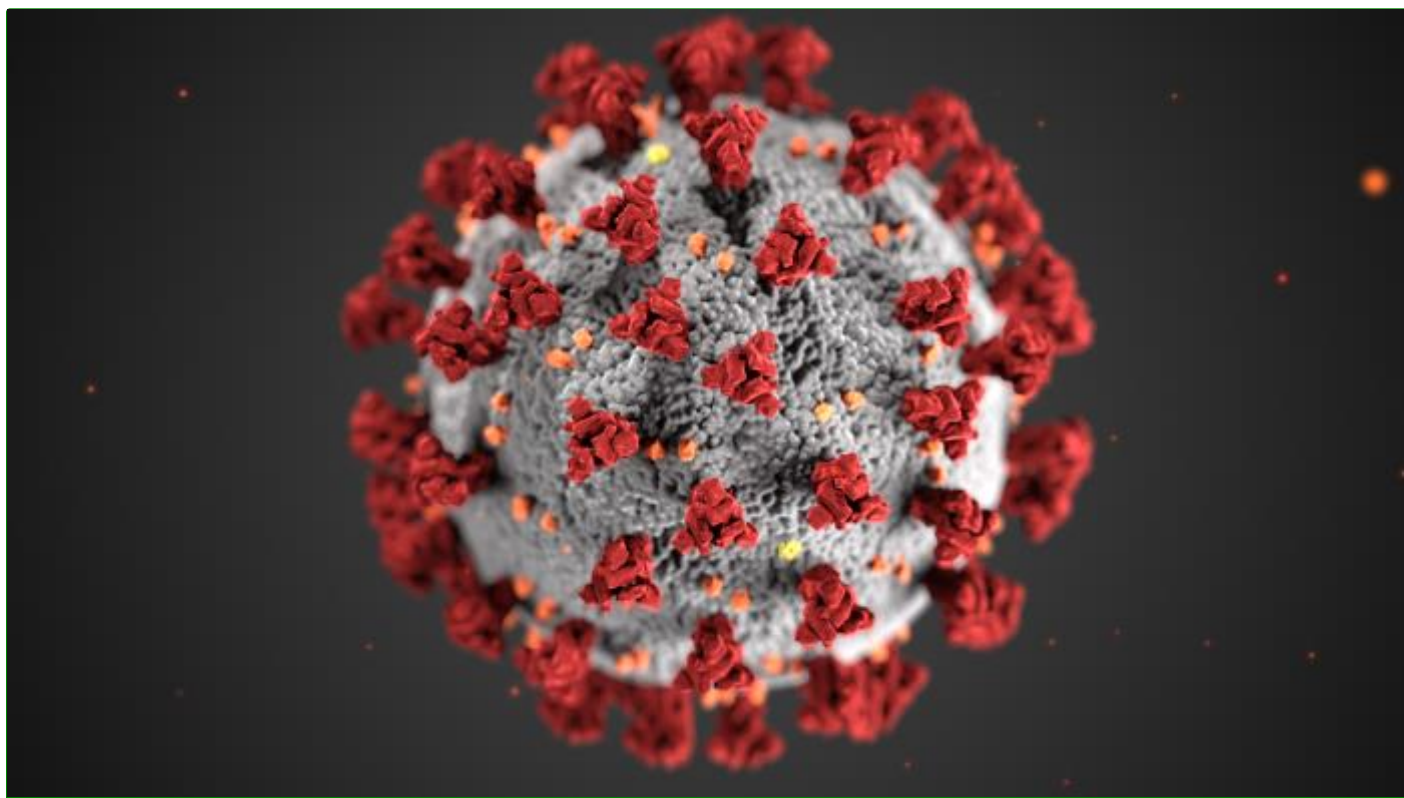
## Emergency Departments Are Open and Safe

Do not delay going to your local emergency room if you are experiencing signs and symptoms of a heart attack or stroke.

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## Spotlight



COVID-19 Testing Reported to New Jersey Department of Health  
As of 1:00pm ET, May 17

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| Positive†   | 146334 |
| Deaths      | 10356  |
| Total tests | 487565 |

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† Includes deaths and results reported by state, commercial and medical center laboratories

\* The total number of tests that have been reported to the New Jersey Department of Health using PCR, the most widely used viral testing method. It is not a count of how many people have been tested. Some persons have been tested multiple times, while some tests produce inconclusive results and need to be repeated. Additionally, about 20 percent of the tests performed on New Jersey residents, particularly persons who were tested at private facilities, have been processed by laboratories that are not known to consistently report negative results.

## In The News

### Health Commissioner Orders COVID-19 Testing in all Long-Term Care Facilities

The Executive Directive requires all long-term care facilities in the state to implement testing of staff and residents for the virus that causes COVID-19 by May 26.

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