

# COVID-19 Resources for Undocumented & Uninsured

The State of New Jersey is focused on ensuring that all individuals, including residents without immigration status and/or do not have health insurance are protected from the outbreak and receive appropriate testing and treatment. You should follow the guidance of medical professionals about when and how to seek testing and treatment. Please read the following information carefully:

## Am I eligible for COVID-19 testing?

- ✓ You must live in New Jersey.
- ✓ Have a cough, fever, and shortness of breath.
- ✓ Complete the **COVID-19 Symptom Checker** on <https://self.covid19.nj.gov/> to see if you should be tested for COVID-19. The tool will help you know what actions you can take to protect you and your loved ones' health.

## Where can I get tested?

- 1 Drive-thru Testing Centers.** Read each testing center's requirements before leaving your home. For a list of testing sites and requirements visit: <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/testing-information/where-are-testing-centers-in-new-jersey>

Cost: This is *free of charge*.

- 2 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).** Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) provide health care to all people without insurance and immigration status for COVID-19 testing without cost. Please call your local Federally Qualified Health Center ahead of time for **availability** and **instructions**. A list of Federally Qualified Health Centers can be found at: <https://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/primarycare/fqhc/>.

Cost: This is *free of charge*.

- 3 Hospitals - Charity Care Program.** The COVID-19 testing cost will be waived for uninsured individuals eligible for charity care. Information on Charity Care Program can be found at: <https://www.nj.gov/health/charitycare/>.

## Public Charge Rule:

### What is Public Charge?

Some people who apply for a green card (lawful permanent residence) or a visa to enter the U.S. must pass a “public charge” test—which sees if someone is likely to become dependent on specific government programs. The new public charge test considers: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, EBT, Food Stamps), Federal Public Housing and Section 8 assistance, Medicaid (except for emergency services, children under 21 years, pregnant women and new mothers), and Cash Assistance Program (like SSI, TANF, General Assistance).

### Can I get tested despite the Public Charge Rule?

✓ Yes, Immigration officials have confirmed that they will *not consider testing, treatment, and preventative care* related to COVID-19 as part of a public charge.

## For more COVID-19 information:

Please visit the New Jersey Information Hub at: <https://covid19.nj.gov/>.

Call (General COVID-19 Questions): **2-1-1** (7a-11p)

Call (Clinical Questions): **1-800-962-1253** (24/7)

Text NJCOVID to **898-211** to receive alerts

Mental Health Hotline: **866-202-4357** (8a-8p)

