



# The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute



## NEW JERSEY HUMAN SERVICES CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION FOR



**INDIVIDUALS**



**FAMILIES**



**PROVIDERS**

### COVID-19 Guidance

Visit here for Human Services COVID-19 guidance for individuals, families and providers.

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DDD released their first weekly dashboard including the numbers of individuals with I/DD who have tested positive or have passed away due to COVID-19. It will list the numbers of positive and negative test results as well as the number of deaths in the community and developmental centers. The dashboard will be updated every Monday throughout this health crisis.

The link can be found on the DHS COVID-19 Website: <https://nj.gov/humanservices/coronavirus.html>.



The DD Training Resources Website now has listings for COVID-19 related trainings and workshops that are available to families, professionals and self-

<https://ddtrainingresources.org>

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## PerformCARE®

Below is a message from PerformCare regarding requests from families for financial assistance toward the 2020 summer camp session.

Dear Providers:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CSOC has **extended** the Summer Camp Services application deadline. The new deadline is now **Saturday, May 30, 2020**. This will be the last day to submit online applications, and paper/mailed applications must be postmarked by the new deadline.

The PerformCare website and “paper” applications will be updated to reflect the new May 30 deadline date soon. Applications that list the original deadline of April 30 will still be accepted.

Currently, it is preferable for families to apply for Summer Camp Services online through the Family Portal on the PerformCare website. Due to changes in CSOC/PerformCare operations, submitting applications online will have a faster processing time.

In addition, please encourage families to submit eligibility applications for CSOC intellectual and developmental disability services through the portal to expedite the eligibility process.

For more information on CSOC Summer Camp Services, please visit [www.performcarenj.org/SummerCamp](http://www.performcarenj.org/SummerCamp).

Sincerely,  
PerformCare

For additional resources on submitting a request, visit our [website](#).

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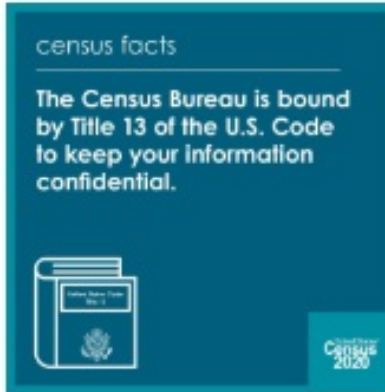
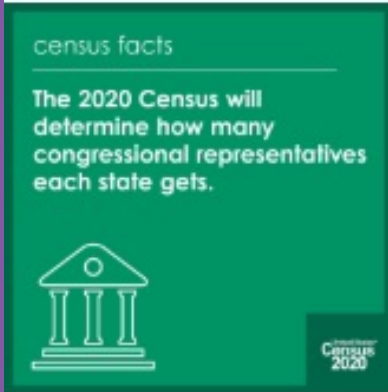


The message below is an update from [The Arc of New Jersey's Mainstreaming Medical Care Program](#):

This email contains helpful information on the new Economic Impact payments that will be available for persons who receive Social Security, SSI or SSDI benefits. This information was disseminated by the Social Security Administration, with the information provided by the IRS. It is anticipated that the IRS will start sending these payments to most Americans in April. For additional information on the Economic Impact payments please go to [www.irs.gov/coronavirus](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus).

### Economic Impact Payments for Social Security Recipients:

- Eligible retirees and recipients of Social Security, Railroad Retirement, disability or veterans' benefits as well as taxpayers who do not make enough money to normally have to file a tax return will receive a payment. **This also includes those who have no income, as well as those whose income comes entirely from certain benefit programs, such as Supplemental Security Income benefits.**
  - At this time, although **SSI (only) beneficiaries** are eligible to receive the Economic Impact payment, the IRS has not determined whether they will need to file some sort of document in order to receive the payment. As soon as the process for SSI beneficiaries has been decided, we will provide that information. Please note that anyone who receives SSI and is a dependent on someone else's tax return will not be eligible for this payment.
  - Individuals who receive **Social Security or SSDI** as well as those who receive **both SSDI and SSI** are eligible to receive the Economic Impact payment automatically, without filing any additional paperwork.
  - Social Security beneficiaries who are not typically required to file tax returns will not need to file to receive an economic impact payment. It's automatic. More information from the IRS is available at [www.irs.gov/coronavirus](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus)
  - Social Security recipients will automatically receive economic impact payments without the need to file taxes for 2018 or 2019. More details from the IRS at [www.irs.gov/coronavirus](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus)
  - Social Security recipients will automatically receive the economic impact payment the same way they normally receive their Social Security benefits. See details from the IRS at: [www.irs.gov/coronavirus](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus)
  - The IRS website also has the following information on persons who are **not eligible** for the Economic Impact payments: Persons are not eligible for the Economic Impact payment if they can be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return. For example, this would include a child, student or an adult dependent who can be claimed on a parent's return.
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## You Count! Be Counted.

The 2020 Census is here, and it is important that people with disabilities and their families are [ready to be counted!](#)

Every 10 years, everyone in the United States is counted through the census. It is important that everyone is counted because the census data impacts many key things. For example, the census data is used to figure out how much money state and local governments get for Medicaid, housing vouchers, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and education programs. When there isn't enough money, services and programs for people with disabilities can be cut. Census data is also used to determine how many representatives each state gets in the House of Representatives. Even with many self-isolating, it's easy to complete. It takes just a few minutes to fill out and can be done safely right in the comfort of your home.

Check out the [resources from The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute](#) to make sure you and your community are ready to be counted!

This is one of many emails that The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute is distributing in an effort to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), their families, and staff to be safe and healthy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

To see other emails that The Arc of New Jersey has distributed on this topic, please go to <https://www.arcnj.org/information/covid-19-updates-information.html>

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