

## **March 19 UPDATE: Bergen County Drive-Thru Coronavirus Testing Center**

***With the help of FEMA, New Jersey's first government-run drive-thru coronavirus testing center is set to open Friday, March 20, at Bergen County Community College in Paramus, located at 400 Paramus Road. The site will operate from 8am - 4pm.***

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Initially, tests will be conducted only for people experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Respiratory illness symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Anyone not exhibiting those symptoms will not be seen at the facility.
  - Proof of New Jersey residency is required.
  - No preregistration or doctor's note is required.
- Health care workers and emergency responders will be their first priority.
- Workers at the Bergen center will only collect samples. Actual testing will be done at laboratories elsewhere.
  - The facility is capable of receiving 2500 specimens a week.

### **NJ 211**

NJ 211 is now activated to help handle COVID-19 related calls from New Jersey residents. NJ 211 is New Jersey's statewide, comprehensive, information and referral service operated by United Way of New Jersey.

Residents can call also text "**NJCOVID**" to 898-211 to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211.

As always, self-practice is your best first defense. Hand-washing, social-distancing and staying home will help us flatten the curve. Stay well.