

Please be advised that in response to the ongoing COVID 19 coronavirus emergency and consistent with Federal, New Jersey State and local government direction, the Department is taking every precaution to limit the possible spread of the virus. Based on current governmental guidelines and restrictions, **All Pesticide Certification Exam Dates are CANCELLED.** Once the restrictions on gatherings and social distancing are lifted, you will be contacted with new available exam dates and locations which will also include Rutgers University's fee-based pesticide exam offerings.

If you were scheduled for any pesticide exams that were cancelled, please do NOT report to the exam site. As restrictions on gatherings and social distancing are lifted, individuals will be contacted with new available exam dates and locations. You will NOT receive a "No Show" fee for cancelled exams.

Be advised that in accordance with recent Pesticide rule amendments at N.J.A.C. 7:30, the Department is transitioning the administration of pesticide certification exams to the Rutgers Office of Continuing Professional Education. **Therefore, any applicant that was not-previously scheduled for an exam must apply through the Rutgers online pesticide certification exam portal once COVID-related restrictions are lifted.** Applicants that were scheduled for an exam that was cancelled, may also choose to take an exam through Rutgers but will be assessed an exam fee. Check the Department's website at www.pcpnj.org for upcoming information regarding the transition and link to the Rutgers exam portal.

Considering the current emergency restrictions, many Department staff will be out of the office for up to several weeks or longer. Therefore, please be patient but assured that we will return phone calls and emails as quickly as possible. However, critical information will be available on the Department's website at www.pcpnj.org.

In summary:

- All Department pesticide exams are CANCELLED as posted on the Licensing and Registrations website at www.pcpnj.org - please do NOT report to any exam sites.
- Department exam make-up dates will not be posted to the website. The Department will contact previously scheduled applicants via email regarding the available exam dates.
- All other future pesticide exams will be administered through Rutgers once the current COVID-related restrictions are lifted; information regarding registering for exams will be provided on the Department's website at www.pcpnj.org.
- Applicants who submitted exam applications but were not scheduled must register online through Rutgers once the portal is active.