

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4591**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**District 37 (Bergen)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires data reporting and testing in certain substance use disorders treatment facilities during COVID-19 pandemic.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1       **AN ACT** concerning residential substance use disorders treatment  
2       facilities during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.

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4       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5       *of New Jersey:*

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7       1. As used in this act:

8       “Residential substance use disorders treatment facility” means a  
9       facility, or a distinct part of a facility, licensed by the Department of  
10      Human Services that provides care for the treatment of substance  
11      use disorders, for 24 or more consecutive hours to two or more  
12      clients who are not related to the governing authority or its  
13      members by marriage, blood, or adoption.

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15      2. a. No later than 30 days after the effective date of this act,  
16      the Department of Health shall develop standards and protocols for  
17      the testing of all personnel employed by a substance use disorders  
18      treatment facility and each resident of that residential substance use  
19      disorders treatment facility.

20      b. The Department of Human Services shall require and oversee  
21      the administration of coronavirus disease 2019 tests, in accordance  
22      with the Department of Health’s testing standards and protocols  
23      developed pursuant to subsection a. of this section, to all personnel  
24      employed by a residential substance use disorders treatment facility  
25      and each resident of that residential substance use disorders  
26      treatment facility.

27      c. The Department of Human Services shall require that persons  
28      who are positive for the coronavirus disease 2019, according to a  
29      test performed pursuant to subsection a. of this section, shall be  
30      isolated or quarantined to help reduce the transmission of infection  
31      in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of P.L.2005, c.222  
32      (C.26:13-15).

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34      3. a. The Commissioner of Human Services shall require each  
35      residential substance use disorders treatment facility to report to the  
36      Department of Health data on the number of personnel employed by  
37      the facility and the residents of the facility who tested positive for  
38      the coronavirus disease 2019 and died from the coronavirus disease  
39      2019, within 24 hours after the facility confirms a coronavirus  
40      disease 2019 positive test result or death.

41      b. The Department of Health shall publish on its Internet  
42      website the data received pursuant to subsection a. of this section.  
43      The Department of Health shall update its Internet website on a  
44      daily basis by publishing the latest data received by the Department  
45      of Health pursuant to subsection a. of this section. To the extent  
46      possible, the data reported by the department pursuant to this  
47      subsection may be merged and cross-referenced with the data

1 published by the Department of Health pursuant to subsection b. of  
2 section 1 of P.L.2020, c.28.

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4 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire one  
5 month after the end of both the state of emergency and the public  
6 health emergency declared in response to the coronavirus disease  
7 2019 pandemic.

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10 STATEMENT

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12 This bill establishes certain requirements for residential  
13 substance use disorders treatment facilities regarding the  
14 coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.

15 This bill requires the Department of Health will develop  
16 standards and protocols for the testing of all personnel employed by  
17 a substance use disorders treatment facility and each resident of that  
18 residential substance use disorders treatment facility, no later than  
19 30 days after the effective date of this act. This bill requires each  
20 residential substance use disorders treatment facility licensed by the  
21 Department of Human Services to test all personnel employed by a  
22 residential substance use disorders treatment facility and each  
23 resident of that residential substance use disorders treatment facility  
24 for coronavirus disease 2019. Any employee or resident who is  
25 positive for coronavirus disease according to a test performed  
26 pursuant to this bill will be isolated or quarantined to help reduce  
27 the transmission of infection.

28 This bill also requires each residential substance use disorders  
29 treatment facility to report to the Department of Health data on the  
30 number of personnel employed by with the facility and the residents  
31 of the facility who tested positive for the coronavirus disease 2019  
32 and died from the coronavirus disease 2019, within 24 hours after  
33 the facility confirms a coronavirus disease 2019 positive test result  
34 or death. The Department of Health will publish on its Internet  
35 website the data received by the residential substance use disorders  
36 treatment facilities and update its Internet website on a daily basis.

37 This bill will take effect immediately and expire one month after  
38 the end of both the state of emergency and the public health  
39 emergency declared in response to the coronavirus disease 2019  
40 pandemic.