

# N.J. residents with diabetes getting more support during coronavirus crisis

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A nonprofit organization aiding New Jersey residents with diabetes is offering an additional level of support during the [coronavirus crisis](#).

The Hackensack-based [Diabetes Foundation](#) announced Monday that, starting next week, it will begin mailing free “diabetes emergency kits” to residents in need, with enough supplies to last for two weeks.

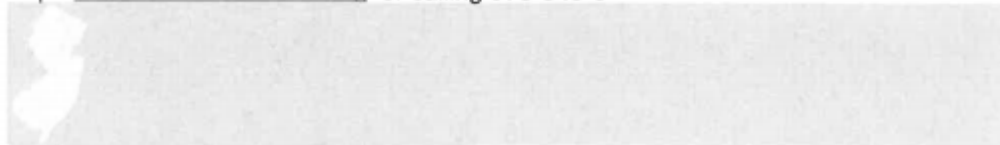
Ginine Cilenti, the foundation’s executive director, said 550 applications were received by day’s end. She said the service is aimed at those who cannot afford to stockpile supplies in their homes or are unable to get to pharmacies.

Kits will include items such as a glucose meter, test strips, a lancing device, ketone strips, lancets, alcohol swabs, gluco tabs, juice boxes, snacks, and a diabetes backup emergency kit checklist, the organization said.

Interest in the service surged after Gov. Phil Murphy mentioned it on Twitter.

The Diabetes Foundation has also opened a hotline for individuals living with all types of diabetes to receive a free Backup Emergency Kits.

Anyone needed an emergency backup kit can apply to receive on by visiting <http://diabetesfoundationinc.org> or calling 973-849-5234



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“These are some of the most-used diabetes supplies, in addition to their insulin and other medications,” Dr. Steven N. Ghanny, a pediatric endocrinologist, told NJ Advance Media.

“It would be dangerous to run out of these supplies during this time of crisis,” added Ghanny, a pediatric endocrinologist at [Hackensack University Medical Center](#).

The organization did not say how many kits will be provided, but noted the contributions of various corporate partners, including BD, Novo Nordisk, Ascensia Diabetes Care, Arkray, Liss Pharmacy and Inserra ShopRite Supermarkets.

Founded in 1990, the Diabetes Foundation assists individuals diagnosed with prediabetes, Type 1, Type 2, or gestational diabetes.

“We are hoping these kits can provide some peace of mind for our most vulnerable participants during this time of uncertainty as many are confined to their homes,” Cilenti said in a statement provided to NJ Advance Media.

“The kits give each person who receives them another two week’s supply of the daily items that are necessary for testing and management of low blood sugar. With the need for social distancing during this period, the kits allow those with diabetes the opportunity to avoid waiting in line at crowded pharmacies and other stores,” Cilenti said.