

# The New Jersey Family Leave Act

The New Jersey Family Leave Act entitles certain employees to take up to 12 weeks of family leave in a 24-month period without losing their jobs. With some exceptions, employers must provide this type of leave if:

- The EMPLOYER has at least 50 employees (or at least 30 employees as of June 30, 2019), or is a government entity, regardless of size.
- The EMPLOYEE has worked for that employer for at least one year, and has worked at least 1,000 hours during the last 12 months.
- The LEAVE OF ABSENCE is being taken to care for or bond with a child within 1 year of the child's birth or placement for adoption or foster care, OR to care for a family member, or someone who is the "equivalent" of family, who has a serious health condition.

Note that the New Jersey Family Leave Act **does not** provide leave for the employee's own health condition. Employees may be eligible for additional leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act.

Except when emergent circumstances require shorter notice, the employee must give the employer the following notice before taking Family Leave:

- For intermittent leave, at least 15 days' notice;
- For consecutive leave to care for a newborn or a child placed for foster care or adoption, at least 30 days' notice; and
- For consecutive leave to care for a family member with a serious health condition, notice "in a reasonable and practicable manner."
- In emergent circumstances, the employee should give the employer as much notice as possible.

To ensure that the employee meets the eligibility requirements, the employer may require the employee to provide a certification from a health care provider regarding the family member's serious health condition, the date of a newborn's birth or the date of placement for adoption or foster care.

To get more information or to determine whether you can file a complaint with DCR, visit [www.NJCivilRights.gov](http://www.NJCivilRights.gov) or contact one of the regional offices listed below:

#### Northern Regional Office

31 Clinton Street  
Newark, NJ 07102  
Phone: (973) 648-2700  
Fax: (973) 648-4405

#### Central Regional Office

140 East Front Street  
P.O. Box 090  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0090  
Phone: (609) 292-4605  
Fax: (609) 984-3812

#### Southern Regional Office

5 Executive Campus  
Suite 107  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034  
Phone: (856) 486-4080  
Fax: (856) 486-2255

#### South Shore Regional Office

1325 Boardwalk  
Tennessee Ave. & Boardwalk  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
Phone: (609) 441-3100  
Fax: (609) 441-3578



State regulations require all employers covered by the New Jersey Family Leave Act to display this official poster in places easily visible to all employees. N.J.A.C. 13:8-2.2.

