

To: NJ Institutions of Higher Education

From: NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education,

NJ Department of Education

Date: March 19, 2025

Subject: Complete 2025 Survey on Lactation Room Policies by July 1

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is requesting institutions of higher education to complete the <u>2025 Survey on Lactation Room Policies</u> by July 1, 2025, so the NJDOE can compile the necessary data for its 2025 Report on Lactation-Related Policies in New Jersey Schools, Colleges, and Universities, in accordance with P.L. 2019, c.242. To avoid duplicate submissions, please only have <u>one</u> individual submit the survey response on behalf of your institution.

Please see the NJDOE's memo attached.

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Date: March 12, 2025

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Division of Legal and External Services

Deadlines: July 1, 2025

2025 Report on Lactation-Related Policies in New Jersey Schools, Colleges, and Universities

On August 15, 2019, Governor Phil Murphy signed legislation requiring certain public facilities and offices to provide on-site lactation rooms for nursing mothers. The legislation additionally requires the New Jersey Department of Health to provide information about the availability of lactation rooms, and the New Jersey Department of Education (Department) to provide information on lactation-related policies in New Jersey's schools, colleges, and universities. P.L. 2019, c. 242.

Following the adoption of P.L.2019, c.242, and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:4C-3, the Department is required to evaluate, and to report to the Governor and to the Legislature "on the lactation-related policies that have been implemented at schools, colleges, and universities in the State." More specifically, each report submitted to the Governor and to the Legislature shall:

- (1) Summarize the applicable policies in this area;
- (2) Indicate the number and percentage of policies that authorize access to a designated lactation room; and
- (3) Indicate the manner in which such policies were communicated to students, parents, and guardians during the preceding school year. N.J.S.A. 26:4C-3(b).

With the above in mind, and by no later than July 1, 2025, all New Jersey colleges and universities are asked to have the appropriate staff or administration member complete the 2025 Survey on Lactation Room Policies, so that the Department can compile the necessary data to prepare its annual report.

Key Deadlines

• July 1, 2025: Deadline for all New Jersey colleges and universities to complete the 2025 Survey on Lactation-Related Policies.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Whitmore, EEO/AA Officer at (609) 376-3650, or via email at Michelle.Whitmore@doe.nj.gov .