



Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update March 30, 2020



As of today, there are 16,636 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey. We have three additional cases in Westfield, which brings the official total from the Board of Health to 38 cases. In addition, we now have three Town employees who have tested positive -- two Westfield Police Officers, and one member of our Building & Construction Office. Although none of them are Westfield residents, the proper contact tracing was completed by our Health Department to ensure all close contacts have been notified. We also have two additional employees with pending test results that we expect in the coming days, as our own workplace of colleagues is now beginning to see the firsthand impact of COVID-19. For their protection first and foremost, as well as for business continuity purposes, all essential Town employees have been operating in staggered shifts for two weeks, and will continue to do so for the duration of this crisis.

For a more detailed breakdown of statewide numbers, visit the NJ Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard.

Today, Governor Murphy issued an update to his previous Executive Order regarding operating businesses, which now provides more detail around auto dealerships, realtors, brew pubs, firearms retailers, and golf courses. For more information on these updates, visit <http://covid19.nj.gov>.

The Union County COVID-19 Test Center at Kean University has implemented a new "telehealth" procedure for persons seeking a COVID-19 test. Beginning today, Union County residents, as well as all first responders and health workers working in the county regardless of residence, can report symptoms and schedule testing by calling 908-373-5105. For additional details, visit www.ucnj.org.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Flattening the curve is not a quick fix, but one that is of the highest priority. Please help us all by doing your part.