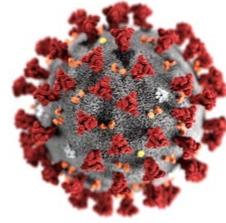




Mayor Brindle's
COVID-19 Update
April 24, 2020



CONFIRMED CASES

- Today, there are 102,196 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, with another 532 still under investigation. Currently, the County reports 11,208 cases, with Westfield reporting nine more confirmed cases for 196 to date. The age range in our cases has been from 14 through 94, with 37 residents who have required hospitalization.
- For a more detailed breakdown of statewide numbers, visit the [NJ Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

STATE UPDATE

- Governor Murphy plans to sign an executive order allowing renters to direct their landlords to use their security deposits to pay their rents to make up for a shortfall or to pay it in full. Through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, the State plans to set up an FAQ to be a point-of-reference for both tenants and landlords outlining their rights and responsibilities.
- New Jersey now has 95 locations across the state where residents can be tested for COVID-19, thirty of which are publicly-run or community-based testing sites. Details can be found at covid19.nj.gov.
- The County received guidance regarding the following businesses that can remain open:
 - Dog groomers
 - Pet boarding businesses
 - Shelters for pet adoptions
 - Auto repossession companies
 - Private campgrounds
- For those looking to check on the status of expected stimulus checks, please visit <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>.

LOCAL UPDATES

- Atlantic Health reached out to Union County mayors regarding questions that many residents have about the current status of hospital emergency rooms, and noted that some individuals may even be delaying much needed care.
- If you are experiencing a serious illness or severe symptoms of any kind, please do not put off seeking emergency medical care due to fears of coronavirus. Delaying emergency medical help could worsen symptoms or result in a life-threatening situation. In the event of a medical emergency, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. All Atlantic Health System emergency rooms remain open and safe for an emergency of any kind, including both COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 related illnesses. For additional details about the safety measures in place for patients and caregivers, please visit <https://info.atlantichealth.org/index.php/email/emailWebview>.
- Huge thanks to resident Mitch Gambert, owner of Bespoke by Gambert, for providing precut fabric that is being used to sew 107 medical gowns by a number of local volunteers for a senior care facility. It is so inspiring to see how residents have stepped up to help, many of whom are dealing with their own health and financial issues. I'll post pictures when the gowns are finished and delivered to make sure all of these volunteers are properly recognized.

Thank you all for your commitment as we continue to do our part to keep flattening the curve.