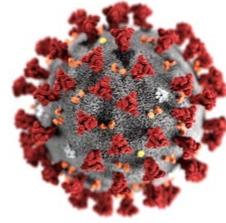




Mayor Brindle's  
COVID-19 Update  
May 21, 2020



**CONFIRMED CASES**

- Today, there are 151,472 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, with another 1,026 still under investigation. Currently, the County reports 15,176 cases, with Westfield reporting no new cases today, keeping our total at 273.
- For a more detailed breakdown of statewide numbers, visit the [NJ Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

## STATE UPDATES

- Governor Murphy reported that the key metrics from New Jersey's hospitals continue to move in the right direction, bringing the state closer to being able to enter Phase 2 of its economic restart.
- The Governor will be emailing every business and non-profit organization in the state directing them to a short survey that will better inform reopening efforts across the state. The survey can be found at <https://covid19.nj.gov/forms/survey>.
- The State Commissioner of Labor reported that 1.1 million new unemployment claims have been filed statewide since March 15, with a 15.3% unemployment rate.

## LOCAL UPDATES

- May is Historic Preservation Month, and I want to thank the ongoing efforts of the Historic Preservation Commission for all they do to keep Westfield's history alive and relevant for the community. As part of their new Then & Now series, they are seeking historic and current photos of the older homes throughout Town. Their first Then & Now featured home is the Walter J. Lee House on South Euclid Avenue, built in 1906. Check out the photos and details on the HPC Facebook page, and submit your photos to [HPC@westfieldnj.gov](mailto:HPC@westfieldnj.gov).
- Thanks to Columbia Bank for their generous donation of a new water fountain for Mindowaskin Park, which is in the final stages of installation. This tri-level fountain will include standard height, ADA accessibility, and pet access. Additional work continues in the park, with pathways and the milling of Park Drive now complete. Final paving is anticipated for next week, along with perimeter shrub plantings around the playground.
- The fantastic Westfield 300 Memorial Day coloring sheets continue to come in, and they look great in everyone's windows along with the patriotic decor to honor all those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We would like to share all of the photos of the participating homes on Monday on social media. Please download the coloring sheet at [bit.ly/W300MemorialDay](http://bit.ly/W300MemorialDay) and send us your photos [westfield300@westfieldnj.gov](mailto:westfield300@westfieldnj.gov). And be sure to mark your calendars for the Nikki Briar virtual porch concert on Sunday at 4:00!