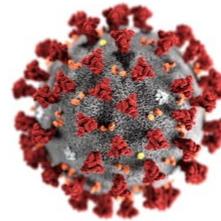




# Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update June 23, 2020



## CONFIRMED CASES

- Today, there are 169,734 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, with another 697 still under investigation. Currently, the County has 16,341 cases, with Westfield reporting no additional cases since my last update on Friday, keeping our total at 282.
- For a more detailed breakdown of statewide numbers, visit the [NJ Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

## STATE AND COUNTY UPDATES

- Governor Murphy announced that outdoor amusement parks, outdoor water parks, and playgrounds may open on July 2. Specific guidance is currently being finalized and will be forthcoming.
- In addition, outdoor gatherings may now increase from 100 to 250 persons maximum (still no limit for outdoor religious or political activities), and indoor gatherings are now limited to 25% of capacity – but cannot exceed 100 persons.
- Also on July 2, casinos may reopen (operating at 25% capacity) and indoor dining may resume – limited at first to 25% capacity.
- Free COVID-19 and antibody testing open to all, will be available June 24-26 at the Mickey Walker Center in Elizabeth from 12:00PM - 7:00PM. To pre-register, visit [www.UCNJ.org/ElizabethCovidTest](http://www.UCNJ.org/ElizabethCovidTest) or call 908-897-0000.

## LOCAL UPDATES

- Thanks to everyone who made our first pedestrian-only weekend on Quimby Street a great success, despite the stormy weather! It was wonderful to see so many people out supporting our local businesses, and participating in the great line up of outdoor fitness programming organized by the DWC.
- Thanks to the many volunteers who run the youth athletic leagues in Town, as they have been working diligently alongside the Recreation Department to finalize the many COVID-related logistics to successfully resume the use of our fields. You can expect to hear from your leagues in the coming days about field schedules, as drills begin to resume for many sports, followed by competitive play in the coming weeks. And to all of our athletes in Town, thanks for your patience -- we can't wait to see you out on the fields!
- You asked, and the Westfield 300 Steering Committee delivered! We are now selling Westfield 300 flags -- another great way to show your Town spirit. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for conducting the online sales of all Westfield 300 merchandise, which can be found at [www.gwaccnj.com/shop](http://www.gwaccnj.com/shop).
- Our Census completion rate is just under 80%, with a current total of 79.7%. I know we can easily surpass our 2010 completion rate of 80.4% -- please fill out your form today at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov).
- Finally, I know you all join me in wishing every student in the Westfield Public Schools a very happy last day of school! The resilience of students and parents over these last few months of distance learning was nothing short of extraordinary, and every one of you should be so proud of what you have accomplished under unprecedented circumstances. To all of the graduates of elementary, middle, and of course, Westfield High School, we celebrate your achievements, applaud your resourcefulness, and know that our future is in great hands. Don't forget to show your appreciation for our seniors by making some noise for them outside tonight at 8:20! Congratulations to all!