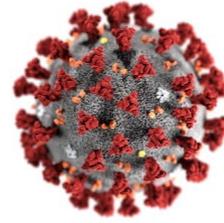




Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update August 4, 2020



STAY CONNECTED. STAY INFORMED.

- **Download the PSE&G mobile app**
- **Download the Amazon Alexa or Google Home Assistant apps on your smartphone**
- **Text OUT to 4PSEG (47734) to report an outage + STAT afterwards for updates**
- **Visit [pseg.com/outagemap](https://www.pseg.com/outagemap) for the latest outage, restoration + crew info**
- **Follow us on Facebook, @PSEG, and Twitter, @PSEGdelivers**
- **Call 1-800-436-7734 to report an outage or downed power line**

CONFIRMED CASES

- Today, there are 182,970 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, with another 644 still under investigation. Currently, the County has 16,590 cases, with Westfield reporting two new cases since Friday, bringing our total to 349.
- For a more detailed breakdown of statewide numbers, visit the NJ Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard.

STATE UPDATES

- Yesterday, Governor Murphy announced that he is retightening the restriction on indoor gatherings, which are now limited to 25% of a room's capacity – with a maximum of 25 persons, down from 100. The expectation is that numbers of cases will need to decrease over at least a seven-day period, along with a sustained drop in the rate of transmission, before the new restrictions on indoor gatherings can be expanded again.
- The Governor also announced that face coverings will be required for all students at all times while inside a school building, regardless of social distancing, unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health. The New Jersey Department of Education is currently finalizing a FAQ document about school reopening plans.

LOCAL UPDATES

- First and foremost, let's extend tremendous thanks to our Police, Fire, and Public Works departments for their ongoing work to both prepare for and respond to the many issues related to Tropical Storm Isaias. I am very grateful that we have no injuries to report from this storm, which is of course the most important news. However, due to the high winds, there are numerous downed trees, limbs, and wires throughout Town. Our first priority is to secure the safety of each of these sites for both residents and utility workers, which continues to be a work in progress with the large number of calls that are being addressed. Our crews are working to clear those roadways where power lines are not involved and PSE&G is not needed; those involving power lines and utility assistance will take longer. I would ask for your patience and refrain from reporting any non-emergency debris issues until we get through these priority calls that continue to come in at a high volume, which may take up to several days.
- Chief Battiloro has provided me with this updated list of impassable roadways, which follows below. We are aware of numerous other areas where roads are partially obstructed but vehicles are able to get through. In all areas of Town, please stay off the roads tonight if you don't have to drive, so that the crews can get their work completed with as little disruption as possible.
 - Carleton Road (800 block)
 - Central Avenue (1000 block)
 - Central Avenue (1200 block)
 - East Broad Street (1000 block)
 - Edgar Road (400 block)
 - Edgar Road (500 block)
 - Elmer Street (100 block)
 - Fairacres Avenue (800 block)
 - Kimball Avenue (200 block)
 - Kimball Avenue (900 block)
 - Otisco Drive (400 block)
 - Shadowlawn Drive (800 block)
 - Springfield Avenue (500 block)
 - Talcott Road (800 block)
 - Tice Place (1000 block)
 - Willow Grove Road (800 block)
 - West Dudley Avenue (100 block)
- The following roadways were previously impassable, but are now passable:
 - East Broad Street (1000 block)
 - Golf Edge (200 block)
 - Stoneleigh Park
 - Woodmere Drive (900 block)
- The following traffic lights are functioning on emergency power at this time:
 - Central Avenue/Cacciola Place/Park Street
 - Central Avenue/Grove Street
 - East Broad Street/North Euclid Avenue/South Euclid Avenue
 - East Broad Street/Springfield Avenue

- Police Officers are assigned to the following sites to ensure the safety of these locations:
 - Central Avenue at Duncan Hill
 - Central Avenue at Sycamore Street
 - Central Avenue at Pearl Street
 - East Broad Street (700 block)
 - Edgar Road (500 block)
 - Tice Place
 - Warren Street

- We have been advised by PSE&G that over 3,000 homes in Westfield initially lost power, and many more on a regional basis -- which may mean extended delays of up to several days for full restoration. We will continue to communicate any updates we receive from them. Report your power outage directly to PSE&G by calling 1-800-436-PSEG (7734) or by texting "OUT" to 4PSEG (47734).

- On a lighter note, I want to point out just a few community events that are happening, beginning with the upcoming Brightwood Park Bike Trail Information Sessions, which will be held on August 13 at 6:00PM and August 15 at 11:00AM. Members of the Recreation Commission, the Town Council, and JORBA (Jersey Off Road Bicycling Association) will be in attendance to discuss the recommendations from the Strategic Parks Plan regarding bike trails. A walking tour of the existing gravel walking trail will also take place. Those attending should meet in the Brightwood parking lot off of Prospect Street. Face coverings are required and social distancing protocols must be followed. Please wear appropriate attire if you plan to participate in a walk-through of the wooded area.

- Finally, don't miss this Saturday's Public Art Stroll to officially unveil Art Takes Flight, the first exhibit of the Westfield Public Arts Commission. The artists will be stationed at their respective butterflies from 11:30-1:30, providing an interactive experience for residents and visitors to find each butterfly and meet the artists behind the creations. The response to these beautiful installations, all completed by local artists, has been wonderful to see. And although this was planned pre-COVID, I think we can all agree that taking in these pieces around Town is happening at a time when we could all use some beauty and uplifting imagery. For more information, and to download a printable exhibit map, visit westfieldnj.gov/arttakesflight.

Please stay safe!