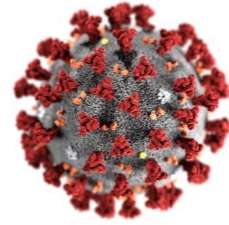




Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update October 16, 2020



Today, there are 217,804 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey to date, with another 380 still under investigation. Union County has reported 18,505 cases in total, with Westfield reporting two new cases since my last update on Friday (both on Wednesday) -- bringing our total to 403 since our first reported case in March.

As previously announced, I will be using Friday updates strictly for the purposes of reporting weekly data from the Department of Health, with my more expansive updates to continue every Tuesday going forward.

From October 9-15, there were two cases of COVID-19 reported in Westfield in our official case count. The Health Department reports that these two cases were both under the age of 18 and had household exposure (and no school-related exposure).

The Health Department notes that they continue to see an increase in cases, hospitalizations and severity of illness with more ICU admissions both statewide and regionally. In addition, this is the first week since the State began its regional tracking system in August that the entire state has been classified as "moderate risk" level.

Please continue to stay vigilant and do your part to help our community stay healthy.