



Mayor Brindle's
COVID-19 Update
May 7, 2020



CONFIRMED CASES

- Today, there are 133,635 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, with another 552 still under investigation. Currently, the County reports 13,781 cases, with Westfield reporting one additional case, following three days of zero new cases, which is an encouraging trend. We now have 242 cases to date.
- For a more detailed breakdown of statewide numbers is available online at the NJ Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard.

STATE UPDATES

- Governor Murphy has directed the New Jersey National Guard to deploy 120 of its members to long-term care facilities beginning this coming weekend to assist in COVID-19 mitigation efforts as non-medical workers, which could include testing, janitorial services, cooking and serving meals, and performing administrative or logistical tasks.
- The NJ Department of Labor announced that over one million unemployment claims have been submitted, with \$1.9 billion in benefits paid out to date and 72,000 claims for self-employed individuals processed. The State has established a detailed one-stop page for those out of work and looking for answers regarding benefits, unemployment insurance, and additional resources. Please visit covid19.nj.gov/work. In addition, for those seeking a job with an essential employer, please visit jobs.covid19.nj.gov.
- Rite Aid will be opening appointment-only COVID-19 testing operations at 11 more of their locations across New Jersey. As these stores come online, they will be added to the list of publicly available testing sites at covid19.nj.gov/testing.

LOCAL UPDATES

- Thanks to DesignPoint, a Clark-based company owned by and employing many Westfield residents, who have been working tirelessly to donate face shields to healthcare workers. To date, they have already donated more than 2,300 face shields to several local facilities, including Sunrise of Westfield, Clark Rehab, Atria Assisted Living in Cranford, RWJ, and several hospitals in the region. They now have an opportunity to help with the production of 4,000 additional units if they can cover the costs of the raw materials. They've set up a fundraiser to reach that goal, with 100% of proceeds to underwrite the cost of these materials: bit.ly/3bfl3T7
- We have received some inquiries about ice cream trucks as the weather warms up. The State allows them to operate, but their employees should be wearing masks and gloves. I'd also encourage anyone making a purchase to please wear a mask as well, and avoid congregating within six feet of others who are also waiting to be served.
- The Westfield Police Department alerted residents today of a vehicle stolen from a driveway last night on Wychwood Road, which was left unlocked with the key fob inside. Please remember to always secure your cars and remain vigilant. If you are not on our ward-specific Nixle alert list for police activity, please text the following key word for your ward to 888-777:
 - Ward 1: 07090WARD1
 - Ward 2: 07090WARD2
 - Ward 3: 07090WARD3
 - Ward 4: 07090WARD4

Thanks, as always, for your ongoing commitment to one another.