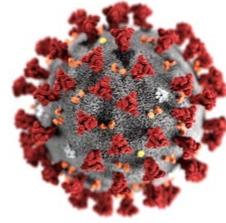




Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update May 11, 2020



CONFIRMED CASES

- Today, there are 139,945 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, with another 729 still under investigation. Currently, the County reports 14,164 cases, with Westfield reporting eight new cases (two on Saturday, six on Sunday, and zero today), for 251 in total.
- For a more detailed breakdown of statewide numbers, visit the [NJ Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

STATE UPDATES

- Today the American Red Cross opened two convalescent plasma collection sites in North Jersey at their blood center in Fairfield and at University Hospital in Newark. Plasma from recovered COVID-19 patients contains antibodies that may help others battling the virus. If you've

recovered from COVID-19 and wish to be a plasma donor, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org/plasma4covid](https://www.redcrossblood.org/plasma4covid).

- The New Jersey Department of Education has launched an online application process for eligible districts to receive their shares of \$280 million to help cover COVID-19 response-related expenses, such as purchasing educational technology and sanitizing buildings.
- Governor Murphy indicated that he will focus his update tomorrow on testing and contact tracing efforts, with the hopes of having some more insight by the end of the week into a timeline for eventual reopening.

LOCAL UPDATES

- Atlantic Health's series of Facebook Live events regarding the COVID-19 pandemic continues tomorrow at 12:30PM. In honor of Hospital Week 2020, join Amy Perry, CEO, Hospital Division and Senior Vice President, Integrated Care Delivery for Atlantic Health System and find out what it's like inside your local hospital. Visit the Atlantic Health System Facebook page to join.
- The Westfield United Fund reports that, as of last Friday, they have taken in \$254,000 in We Love Local donations and distributed \$211,000 Westfield businesses to date. That leaves the fund with \$43,000 on hand, with more money coming in every day that will continue to be distributed.
- Please join us via Zoom for our Town Council meeting tomorrow night at 8:00, which will also be streamed via Facebook Live. For the full agenda and details, visit our website: <https://bit.ly/TC05122020Agenda>.

One of the items I plan to cover at tomorrow night's meeting is an overview of some updated COVID-19 data specific to Westfield, in terms of both our case count and, importantly, our slowing growth rate. While we will unfortunately continue to see new cases and even deaths, the importance of which should never be minimized, I do want to share that your efforts are indeed making a very real impact and can be seen in our growth rate data.

Is there more work left to do? Yes, but we are getting there. Your commitment, grace, and patience are all greatly appreciated and remain so important as we await additional guidance from the State in the coming days about re-opening timeframes. Please keep it up and know that you are making a difference for the benefit of our entire community.