



## Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update June 4, 2020



### CONFIRMED CASES

- Today, there are 162,530 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, with another 836 still under investigation. Currently, the County reports 15,953 cases, with Westfield reporting no additional cases again today, keeping our total at 276.
- For a more detailed breakdown of statewide numbers, visit the [NJ Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

### STATE UPDATES

- Last week, initial unemployment claims to the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development dropped to 26,752, continuing a decline over the past four weeks. In total, 1.2 million New Jerseyans have filed for unemployment since this emergency began – an unprecedented number. The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development has paid-out a total of \$5.2 billion in benefits – \$1.8 billion from the state unemployment trust fund, and \$3.4 billion in federal funds.

- Governor Murphy detailed the rules for non-essential in-person retail to begin on June 15:
  - Number of customers in stores must be limited to 50% of approved capacity.
  - Customers and employees must wear face coverings.
  - Areas used by employees must be regularly sanitized.

The Governor's full announcement can be found at [www.covid19.nj.gov](http://www.covid19.nj.gov).

- The NJ Department of Health provided specific requirements for outdoor dining, which is also permitted to resume on June 15. Among other protocols, restaurants must limit seating to a maximum of eight customers per table and space tables six feet apart; demarcate six feet of spacing in patron waiting areas; eliminate self-service options like buffets and salad bars; disinfect all tables, chairs and other shared items after each use; install physical barriers at cash registers, bars, and host stands; conduct daily health checks of employees; and require all employees to wear face coverings and gloves when serving customers. The full list of requirements are available online at [https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/docs/ExecutiveDirective20-014OutdoorDining.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2K-uG3n\\_ASx0T3ZAZHqZf7qfvNHqYQgV9PL-jssjxbBFWdG7\\_AZAS8jGnI](https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/docs/ExecutiveDirective20-014OutdoorDining.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2K-uG3n_ASx0T3ZAZHqZf7qfvNHqYQgV9PL-jssjxbBFWdG7_AZAS8jGnI)

## LOCAL UPDATES

- Tomorrow night, News 12 New Jersey is kicking off their new show, entitled, "We're Open," which will focus on small businesses throughout New Jersey as the state slowly reopens. I'll be joining them here in Westfield to feature Blende, 16 Prospect Wine Bar & Bistro, and Bovella's Pastry Shoppe -- tune in at 7:00PM to hear from these beloved local businesses!
- What an amazing turnout today for the march that originated in Scotch Plains and ended at the Westfield train station. It was so heartening to see so many engaged citizens of all ages and backgrounds from Scotch Plains, Fanwood, and Westfield unite in their condemnation of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd. I was gratified not only to see such a peaceful movement come together, but also the precautions that participants took with wearing face coverings and keeping as much distance as possible in this situation. Once again, I'll reiterate that these large protests, which are so necessary and important for our community and country right now, can also pose a serious public health concern if the proper precautions are not taken. If you feel that you have been exposed, or are experiencing symptoms, please stay home and get tested. It's also a good idea to heavily weigh the risks of crowd exposure if you live with anyone in a vulnerable health category.

Thank you all for your commitment to one another. Although these are unusual times, to say the least, it is clear that they bring out the very best in Westfield.

Stay well and safe everyone.