



Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update September 1, 2020



CONFIRMED CASES

- Today, there are 192,290 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey to date, with another 316 currently under investigation. Union County has reported 17,124 cases in total, with Westfield reporting two new cases since Friday, bringing our total to 364 since our first reported case in March.
- For a more detailed breakdown of statewide numbers, visit the [NJ Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

STATE UPDATES

- Governor Murphy signed an Executive Order that will allow indoor dining to resume at 6:00 AM on Friday, September 4. Restaurants must limit occupancy to 25% capacity and keep social distancing protocols in place. Full details can be found here: <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/reopening-guidance-and-restrictions/what-are-the-reopening-rules-for-bars-and-restaurants-what-precautions-or-policies-must-they-take>.
- The Governor also signed an Executive Order allowing for movie theaters and other indoor performance venues to reopen on Friday, September 4. Face masks and social distancing will be required, and capacity will be capped at the lesser of either 25% capacity, or 150 people. Capacity limits were also raised to the lesser of either 25% capacity or 150 individuals for religious services and celebrations, weddings, funerals, memorial services, and political activities.

LOCAL UPDATES

- Join us for the final film in the Westfield 300 Summer Movie Series! Tickets are still available for Raiders of The Lost Ark, which will be shown on Thursday night at Tamaques Park: <https://bit.ly/W300MovieSeries>. Thanks to the Westfield 300 Steering Committee for providing this series to the community this summer, and please remember that the Westfield 300 Time Capsule Project is still underway at www.westfieldnj.gov/300timecapsule.
- Yesterday, I joined Congressman Tom Malinowski, along with DWC Board Chair Patricia Hanigan and Executive Director Bob Zuckerman, to meet with downtown business owners to discuss the ongoing challenges they are facing in this economic environment and what additional assistance they may need. Our business owners have been incredibly resilient, and the one thing that we heard from them over and over again was the overwhelming support they have received from our community. So while I'm thrilled with the resumption of limited indoor operations, they will continue to need our support as much as ever as we move into colder months. We will continue to support our outdoor dining setup through the end of November, weather permitting, but please do your part to abide by all COVID protocols to ensure our community stays healthy and that our local businesses can survive, and hopefully thrive, as we try to resume a much needed sense of normalcy.