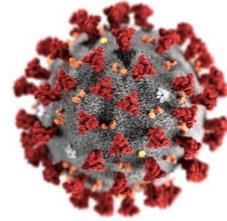




Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update September 29, 2020



CONFIRMED CASES

- Today, there are 204,563 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey to date, with another 339 still under investigation. Union County has reported 17,689 cases in total, with Westfield reporting no new cases since my last update on Friday -- keeping our total at 391 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

- Today, Arizona and Virginia were removed from the New Jersey travel advisory list, and Colorado was added, for a total of 34 states and U.S. jurisdictions. For full details, visit [covid19.nj.gov/travel](https://www.nj.gov/covid19/travel).
- Over 200,000 New Jerseyans have registered to vote using the new online voter registration form since it went live earlier this month. If you have not already done so, register here: www.nj.gov/state/elections. The deadline to register to vote in the General Election is October 13.
- Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi announced that sample ballots for each voting district are available for viewing online at the County Clerk's elections website, [unioncountylvotes.com](https://www.unioncountylvotes.com). This year, sample ballots will not be mailed to voters. All registered voters will automatically receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot from the County Clerk's office by mail, as required by state law, whether or not you requested one. The mail in ballot can be returned via USPS, dropped off in one of the secure ballot drop boxes (the closest is Fraser Building on North Ave in Westfield), or brought with you to your polling location on Election Day. In person voting on 11/3 will be available by provisional ballot only; machine voting will only be available for persons with special needs. We anticipate Westfield residents will receive their Vote-by-Mail ballots this week.
- Any voter can get a preview of their ballot by looking up the sample ballot for their voting district online. For more information, visit www.unioncountylvotes.com.
- The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is offering a free COVID-19 walk-up saliva test site in Scotch Plains, provided by the Union County COVID-19 Mobile Test Unit on Tuesday, October 6 at the Southside Firehouse (1920 Raritan Road), from 3:00PM - 6:00PM. No appointment is required. Visit ucnj.org/walk-up for more information.

LOCAL UPDATES

- I would like to once again reiterate the message from Chief Battiloro to lock your cars and homes, both day and night, following the recent uptick in burglaries. Our Police Department works tirelessly to keep our community safe; let's all commit to securing our property at all times to help them displace these crimes of opportunity. In recent days, we have heard from the police in neighboring municipalities -- including Mountainside, Cranford, and Scotch Plains -- to report similar patterns of burglaries. While this activity is not exclusive to Westfield, it will continue as long as cars and homes remain unlocked. Please, do your part.
- In response to the significant interest in the RFP we issued to operate a bar, restaurant or cafe inside the North Avenue train station building, we will be reissuing the RFP in order to provide more specifics as requested by those that participated in the recent walk through of the site. Westfield resident and REDCOM owner Greg Reddington has generously offered to donate his services to provide detailed, as-built blueprints of the property that did not previously exist. With this additional level of detail forthcoming, we will be reissuing the RFP to ensure all bidders have the opportunity to provide a viable submission. I am very excited by the level of interest this has generated, and the opportunity to jump start our downtown economic development efforts.
- Have additional questions about what's happening in Town? Join me on Open Quimby Saturday morning, where Chief Battiloro and I will be available from 9:00 - 10:30 to meet with residents and discuss any ideas, feedback, or concerns. Please be sure to wear a face covering, and we'll be sitting at one of the tented tables closest to Central Ave.

Thanks, as always, for staying involved and remaining informed.