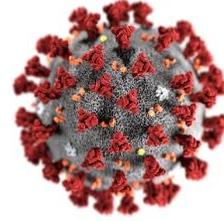




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For the month of March, the Department of Health received 272 cases of COVID-19 in Westfield, up 17% from the month of February. Of these cases:

- ✓ 75 had no known exposure
- ✓ 71 were unable to be reached
- ✓ 57 had a positive household contact
- ✓ 37 had a known exposure
- ✓ 12 refused to be interviewed
- ✓ 8 were associated with work
- ✓ 4 were diagnosed in a prior month but reported during March
- ✓ 3 were hospitalized
- ✓ 3 remain under investigation
- ✓ 2 were associated with youth sports

The ages of these cases ranged from 12 days to 97 years old, broken down as follows:

- ✓ Age 9 and under: 25 cases
- ✓ Age 10-19: 70 cases
- ✓ Age 20-29: 43 cases
- ✓ Age 30-39: 32 cases
- ✓ Age 40-49: 44 cases
- ✓ Age 50-59: 39 cases
- ✓ Age 60-69: 10 cases
- ✓ Age 70-79: 4 cases
- ✓ Age 80-89: 3 cases
- ✓ Age 90 and above: 1 case
- ✓ Age unconfirmed: 1 case

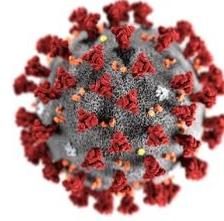
▪ Of these 272 cases, 47 were received since my last update (March 26) through March 31. The most highly impacted age group for the month was ages 10 through 19, representing 26% of the reported cases. Westfield's total number of cases to date is 2,101.

▪ Regional Health Officer Megan Avallone reports that this week the entire state showed high activity levels. Our region (Central East) remains in the high activity level, with Westfield showing moderate activity.

▪ The State's seven-day average for new confirmed cases is up 21% from a week ago and up 42% from a month ago, with a statewide rate of transmission of 1.08. New Jersey has the nation's second-highest rate of new cases in the last seven days, after Michigan, and patients in intensive care have increased 16% across the state over the last two weeks. Officials said this week that younger people are at the center of the new wave in New Jersey, with a 31% increase in people ages 20 to 29 being hospitalized and a 48% increase in those 40 to 49.



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- According to new prediction models released on Wednesday, New Jersey would peak at 5,405 cases and 2,669 people hospitalized with COVID-19 on April 18 in a moderate scenario. The state would peak at 8,162 cases and 3,644 people hospitalized on May 18 under a high scenario. An increase in vaccinations and ongoing diligent precautions could favorably impact the trajectory of these models.
- Statewide, vaccination rates are 25% over last week's rate. New Jersey hit a record of 124,956 vaccinations administered in a 24 hour period, and averaged about 93.5K vaccinations per day over the past week. To date, more than 2.8 million New Jersey residents have been vaccinated with at least one dose (32% of the total population), and more than 1.6 million New Jerseyans have been fully vaccinated (18% of the total population). 42% of eligible residents have received at least 1 dose of vaccine. In Union County, 152,147 individuals (27% of population) have received one dose, and 87,280 (15%) are fully vaccinated. The State Health Department stated that they anticipate receiving 551,320 doses next week.
- Governor Murphy announced yesterday that the FEMA Community Vaccination Center at NJIT's Naimoli Family Athletic and Recreational Facility in Newark will be accepting walk-ins this weekend for eligible individuals.
- Here in Westfield, the Health Department will begin its homebound vaccination program next week. Any homebound residents should call 908-789-4070 to receive additional information.

Please continue to practice social distancing, wear a face covering, and keep gatherings outdoors whenever possible. For all who celebrate, I wish you a joyous Easter Sunday!