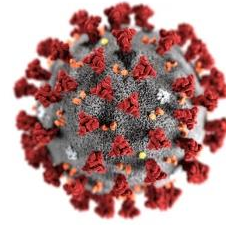




Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update August 27, 2021



Today, New Jersey reported the third straight day when hospitalizations surpassed 1,000 across the state, and the CDC reports that all of New Jersey's 21 counties are now listed as having high rates of coronavirus transmission.

Locally, 38 cases were identified in Westfield between August 20 and August 26, up slightly from 36 the previous week. Of these 38 cases, the age ranges are broken down as follows:

- Age 9 and under: Nine cases
- Age 10-19: Four cases
- Age 20-29: Four cases
- Age 30-39: Four cases
- Age 40-49: Eight cases
- Age 50-59: Three cases
- Age 60-69: Three cases
- Age 70-79: Two cases
- Age 80-89: One case
- Age 90 and above: No cases

As it takes time to obtain breakthrough case information, we will include that data in the monthly reports.

I am saddened to report an additional fatality -- an 83 year-old female who was hospitalized -- bringing Westfield's total number of COVID deaths to 59.

The state's seven-day average for new confirmed cases is up 10% from a week ago and up 132% from a month ago. The statewide transmission rate is 1.16.

Statewide, vaccination rates have increased 2% from last week's rate, with an average of 22.6K doses administered per day. More than 5.5 million New Jersey residents are fully vaccinated.

In Union County, 372,444 (67% of the total population) have received one dose of vaccine, and 329,466 (59% of the total population) are fully vaccinated.

In Westfield, 95% of those 65 and older, 94% of those 30 and older, 96% of the adult population (18+), and 76% of the entire population has been vaccinated with at least one dose. In terms of fully vaccinated residents, the data shows 91% of those 65 and older, 90% of those 30 and older, 90% of adults (18+), and 71% of the entire population.

The Health Department continues to provide guidance to the schools as they await the formal NJDOH updated school guidance document.

Any resident interested in receiving the vaccine can call the Health Department at 908-789-4070.

The full update detailing other topics in Town is available [here](#).



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