

COVID-19 Update – April 15, 2020

NJ new positives – 2,625; new deaths – 351 (55 associated with Long Term Care facilities)

Statewide totals: 71,030 positives and 3,156 deaths (1,442 or 45.6% have had underlying conditions – 64.4% cardiovascular, 37% diabetes, 29% chronic lung disease, 15.3% chronic renal disease, 15% neurological, 11.4% cancer – 29.7% total chronic disease)

131,167 tested; 58,796 positives; Rate of Positivity: 44.69%

8,270 hospitalized; 1,980 in critical care/ICU; 709 discharged; 1,705 ventilators in use

Atlantic County: 35 new positives; no new deaths; 14 more recovered

Totals to date: 372 cases countywide with 13 deaths and 66 recovered

Breakdown by Municipality:

Absecon – 4; Atlantic City – 2; Brigantine - 1; Egg Harbor Twp. – 11; Galloway Twp. – 7; Hamilton Twp. – 2; Hammonton – 2; Linwood – 2; Pleasantville – 3; Somers Point – 1

Previously Reported Cases:

Absecon – 9; Atlantic City – 44 and 3 deaths; Brigantine – 5 and 1 death; Buena Borough – 12; Buena Vista Township – 4; Egg Harbor City – 5; Egg Harbor Twp. – 56 and 6 deaths; Estell Manor – 1; Folsom – 3; Galloway – 37; Hamilton Twp. – 29 and 1 death; Hammonton – 11; Linwood – 14; Longport – 2; Margate – 3; Mullica Twp. – 3; Northfield – 3; Pleasantville – 24 and 2 deaths; Somers Point – 9; Ventnor – 14; and Weymouth - 4

Governor spoke to Treasury Secretary Mnuchin regarding funding for direct aid to states

State has been in touch with Rutgers University regarding the FDA approval of saliva tests; working with Rutgers and Middlesex County; rolled out test on April 15.

Abbott Rapid Test – 100-300 per day; Saliva Tests – up to 10,000 per day

Teaneck Science Director created 300 face shields on 3D printer for donation

LABOR

1600% increase in unemployment applications since first week of COVID-19 related closings

92% of claims coming through; 50% of issues will be resolved immediately and the balance will be resolved within a week

Upgrade made to phone lines that helped resolve 60% of calls; Additional 500 laptops will go to employees working from home to increase number of cases being processed

DOL is providing ability to change password for those who previously filed but cannot remember their PIN/password

CARES Act

Provides \$600 additional for each week of unemployment as of 3/28

PUA – new program for independent contractor/self-employed/those not eligible for unemployment; Dept. of Labor needs to automate records

Residents eligible for 39 weeks of unemployment

NJDOH

Still working to increase beds; need EMTs and CNAs; state has granted waivers for out-of-state EMTs

Field Hospitals:

Atlantic City will open next week

Edison has 14 patients and will receive 10 more; has already discharged 5

Meadowlands has discharged 19 patients

Of the more than 480+ staff in state psychiatric facilities – 230+ have COVID-19 and 2 have died

Long Term Care – 358 of 375 facilities now have at least one positive (95%); 5 of Atlantic County facilities have one positive case

3 state Veterans facilities have approximately 800 patients of which 160 have tested positive with 45 deaths

Compliance/PPE/Enforcement

Large number of overnight violations

State will have discussions with mortuary providers; have built in crisis counseling for individuals who deal with large volume of death

State looking at finalizing death certificates to verify actual cause of death

Suggestion of many African American doctors – childhood vaccines need to be continued

State Decontamination Unit will remain in Edison; state reviewing how to collect, decontaminate, and return materials