

## **COVID-19 Update – April 17, 2020**

**NJ new positives – 3,250; new deaths – 323**

**Statewide totals: 78,467 positives and 3,840 deaths (more than 5x those lost on 9-11; 768 associated with Long Term Care facilities)**

**New deaths: 50.5% White; 22.1% Black; 16.6% Hispanic; 5.4% Asian; 5.4% Other**

**143,450 tested; 64,468 positives; Rate of Positivity: 44.9%**

**8,011 hospitalized (90 at field hospitals with 79 discharged); 1,961 in critical care/ICU; 787 discharged; 1,594 ventilators in use**

**Atlantic County: 20 new positives; 5 new deaths;**

**Totals to date: 370 cases countywide with 18 deaths and 71 recovered**

### **Breakdown by Municipality:**

Absecon – 1; Atlantic City – 2 and 2 deaths; Brigantine – 1; Buena - 1; Egg Harbor City – 1; Egg Harbor Twp. – 3 and 2 deaths; Galloway Twp. – 5; Hamilton Twp. – 1 death; Hammonton – 2; Linwood – 1; Margate – 1; Northfield – 1; Ventnor - 1

### **Previously Reported Cases:**

Absecon – 14; Atlantic City – 47 and 3 deaths; Brigantine – 6 and 1 death; Buena Borough – 14; Buena Vista Township – 4; Egg Harbor City – 5; Egg Harbor Twp. – 71 and 6 deaths; Estell Manor – 1; Folsom – 3; Galloway – 46; Hamilton Twp. – 34 and 1 death; Hammonton – 15; Linwood – 18; Longport – 2; Margate – 4; Mullica Twp. – 3; Northfield – 4; Pleasantville – 31 and 2 deaths; Somers Point – 10; Ventnor – 14; and Weymouth - 4

State will issue temporary licenses to foreign-licensed physicians; NJ is first state to do this

Still looking for experienced volunteers; already have 22,000+ but need more respiratory therapists, nurses, EMTs, etc.

COVID19.nj.gov/help - new page where non-medical volunteers may register to assist at food pantries, etc.

Test Sites – 77 statewide for symptomatic residents; more private testing sites will be opening; pursuing every avenue to expand testing capabilities

Online Campaign – Feed the Frontline – to help feed frontline healthcare worker; started by college student from Monmouth County

Curve is flattening but we need to stay the course

## **NJDOH**

Long Term Care facilities – extreme vulnerability; state remains vigilant in assisting 384 LTC facilities with COVID-19 positives; 9,904 cases statewide with 1,530 deaths

Atlantic County has 8 LTC facilities with 53 cases combined and 6 deaths

State is making site visits to selected facilities based on reported stats

Veterans Homes – total of 782 individuals of which 145 vets and 70 staff have tested positive; 32 hospitalized; 57 deaths; (No cases or deaths at Vineland)

Psychiatric facilities - 7 deaths out of 1,400 patients

11 LTC facilities are no longer accepting new admissions; they are unable to cohort and maintain infection control

Testing results – averaging 5-7 days statewide

## **Compliance/PPE**

Overall great compliance with exception of a few; large gatherings have diminished

State has ordered and received more than 55.3 million PPE items

Additional staff and EMTs are coming to NJ

Over 12,000 tests at Bergen and PNC test sites within last month

4<sup>th</sup> in country for number of tests provided to date; state is looking for a rapid testing protocol and test

Prison releases – furlough reviews are underway based on tiers, age, underlying health conditions, normal release time, etc. No one has yet been released

Students may be masked when they return to school, depending on when schools reopen and what the circumstances are