

## **COVID-19 Update – April 22, 2020**

**NJ new positives – 3,551; new deaths – 314**

**Statewide totals: 95,865 positives and 5,063 deaths (2,050 related to LTC facilities)**

### **Breakdown of deaths:**

**49.3% White, 22% Black, 17.2% Hispanic, 5.4% Asian, 6.1% Other**

**7,210 hospitalized (84 in field hospitals); 1,983 in critical care/ICU; 745 discharged;  
1,570 ventilators in use**

**172,624 tested with 76,818 positives; Rate of Positivity: 44.5%**

**Atlantic County: 39 new positives; 1 new death;**

**Totals to date: 518 cases countywide with 23 deaths and 108 recovered**

### **Breakdown by Municipality:**

Absecon – 3; Atlantic City – 3; Buena – 1 and 1 death; Egg Harbor City – 2;  
Egg Harbor Twp. – 7; Estell Manor – 1; Folsom – 1; Galloway – 6; Hamilton Twp. – 3;  
Hammonton – 1; Linwood – 4; Margate – 1; Northfield – 1; Pleasantville – 5

### **Previously Reported Cases:**

Absecon – 17; Atlantic City – 57 and 5 deaths; Brigantine – 10 and 1 death; Buena  
Borough – 17; Buena Vista Township – 5; Egg Harbor City – 6; Egg Harbor Twp. – 94 and  
9 deaths; Estell Manor – 4; Folsom – 4; Galloway – 66; Hamilton Twp. – 43 and 2 deaths;  
Hammonton – 35 and 3 deaths; Linwood – 26; Longport – 2; Margate – 5; Mullica Twp. –  
3; Northfield – 8; Pleasantville – 40 and 2 deaths; Port Republic – 1; Somers Point – 15;  
Ventnor – 17; and Weymouth - 4

Atlantic County, one of 7 counties statewide where COVID-19 cases are doubling within  
7-14 days (our average is currently 13 days)

Statewide ICU/Critical Care and Vent numbers are stable; new hospital admissions  
dropped yesterday; need to sustain these decreases

More discharges than admissions again today

State doesn't know how many people may be infected; must be prepared for a spike in cases when state reopens, but decision to do so will be data-driven

Early discussion for a Tri-State Contact Tracing program (NJ-NY-CT)

7-State Regional Council (NJ-NY-CT-PA-DEL-RI-MA); Chief of Staffs from each state are meeting (virtually) twice a week

Governor will sign new legislation mandating hospitals to report demographics and racial data for all individuals who test positive; admitted; died; denied testing, etc.

Governor continues to advocate for direct state assistance from federal government to address fiscal crisis

Unemployment Claims – 60% now processed; 80% expected by Monday, April 27; still experiencing delays but improving

## **NJDOH**

Visited East Orange and New Bridge alternative care sites

Meadowlands Field Hospital – 200 patients; 135 discharged as recovered from COVID-19

6 hospitals on divert last night – 4 from Central Region; North Region cases are flattening while Central Region are increasing

State has hotels to house homeless who are sick and need to be quarantined in North and Central Regions; Looking at South Region and Atlantic City in particular

438 LTC facilities have positives; 11,608 total cases; 2,050 deaths related to LTC

LTC Facilities are self-reporting and state is reconciling

17 LTC facilities in South Region that will be tested through Cooper Hospital; 2,200 residents and staff

LTC facilities can accept new admissions if they (1) have an approved plan; and, (2) can cohort residents

Vets Homes

Need improved infection control training, use of PPE, communication with families, better compliance with disinfection guidance

80 deaths among census of 741 residents

Ancora Psychiatric Hospital reported its first death

## **Compliance/PPE**

Weekly meetings with 21 County OEM Coordinators; thanks for their support

State hopes to add a page to website with information for families of those in LTC facilities

Positive staff were being counted with positive residents; NJDOH working to reconcile

“Recovered” – no standard definition

Recognize need to be able to expand testing to include both symptomatic and asymptomatic

Had hoped to do so at Bergen and Holmdel, but those are FEMA operated and need federal approval to modify testing criteria/procedures