

COVID-19 Update – April 27, 2020

NJ new positives – 2,146; new deaths – 106

Statewide totals: 111,188 positives and 6,044 deaths

Breakdown of deaths:

53.2% White, 20.3% Black, 16.3% Hispanic, 5.1% Asian, 5% Other

6,407 hospitalized (314 new admissions and 75 in field hospitals);

1,801 in critical care/ICU; 480 discharged; 1,303 ventilators in use

204,651 tested with 88,064 positives; Rate of Positivity: 43%

Atlantic County: 108 new positives; 1 new death;

Totals to date: 776 cases countywide with 30 deaths and 127 recovered

Breakdown by Municipality:

Absecon – 5; Atlantic City – 5; Brigantine – 1; Buena – 1; Buena Vista Township – 2; Egg Harbor Twp. – 5; Galloway – 4; Hamilton Twp. – 3 ; Hammonton – 66; Linwood – 4 and 1 death; Margate – 1; Mullica – 1; Northfield – 2 ; Pleasantville – 5; Somers Point – 1; Weymouth - 2

Previously Reported Cases:

Absecon – 28; Atlantic City – 68 and 5 deaths; Brigantine – 11 and 1 death; Buena Borough – 22 and 1 death; Buena Vista Township – 6; Egg Harbor City – 9; Egg Harbor Twp. – 122 and 9 deaths; Estell Manor – 6; Folsom – 6; Galloway – 86 and 1 death; Hamilton Twp. – 58 and 2 deaths; Hammonton – 73 and 8 deaths; Linwood – 37; Longport – 2; Margate – 9; Mullica Twp. – 5; Northfield – 15; Pleasantville – 57 and 2 deaths; Port Republic – 1; Somers Point – 21; Ventnor – 21; and Weymouth - 5

Governor unveiled “The Road Back – Restoring Economic Health through Public Health” recovery plan; must have cooperation of regional partners to be successful

It includes six principles:

- 1 – Sustained reduction in new cases
- 2 – Expanded testing – need to double current capacity
- 3 – Robust contact tracing – recruit and deploy 1,300-7,000 people to assist
- 4 – Secure free and safe places for isolation – and support with wraparound services
- 5 – Responsible economic restart
- 6 – Ensure resiliency – create playbook for future administrations from our shared, learned experiences

Stay-at-home order will remain in effect until further notice; still need to see decrease in metrics, 14-day trend lines and sustained drops; fewer cases and fewer hospitalizations

Governor's Restart and Recovery Commission to be formed on 4/28 and will include representatives with local, national, and global experience to arrive at equitable decisions and help leverage federal funds

Highest priority for reopening – “Essential and Safe”

Social distancing must continue with use of face coverings in certain locations, work from home directions for foreseeable future; must use public health protocols to contain spread

Congressman Tom Malinowski (D-7) spoke about need for federal relief for states & counties

\$150 billion in 1st CARES Act was supposed to help states deal with loss of revenues but that changed and now it can't be used to compensate for lost revenues; must be used to reimburse COVID-19 expenses; need more flexibility in next CARES bill for survival of small town America

In NJ we only receive 90 cents for every \$1 sent to federal gov't; meanwhile places like Kentucky get \$2.41 for every \$1 sent

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5 hospitals on divert last night; 3 from central region and 2 from north region

Hospitalizations are declining in north, flattening in central and slight uptick in south

Breakdown of hospital discharges: 24.7% to skilled nursing, 3% to rehab, 1.8% to hospice, 10.8% died, .9% left against medical advice, 2.9% to another facility, and

50.32% went home

LTC – 476 now with at least one case; 16,277 positives overall

Vets Homes – 263 positives, 97 deaths

Psychiatric Facilities – 152 positives, 9 deaths

Field Hospitals – 346 treated, 270 discharged

Task Force reviewing value of testing all inmates in state and county jails

Furlough State Inmates – 50 furloughs over the weekend; furlough is in statute and keeps inmates under DOC requirements; inmates will come back to fulfill their sentence

No dates to reopen state or schools

Will have an answer about schools reopening or remaining closed for the year by May 15

As more testing begins, symptomatic and asymptomatic, the positivity rate should go down and demonstrate how many sick people are out there. In conjunction with antibody testing, it should help determine how to reopen state and begin to return to normalcy.

