

## **COVID-19 Update – May 5, 2020**

**NJ new positives – 2,494; new deaths – 334**

**Statewide totals: 130,593 positives and 8,244 deaths**

### **Breakdown of deaths:**

**52.6% White, 19.3% Black, 17.4% Hispanic, 5.3% Asian, 5.5% Other**

**5,328 hospitalized (385 new admissions; 35 in field hospitals with 400 having been treated);**

**1,534 in critical care/ICU; 232 discharged; 1,169 ventilators in use**

**257,587 tested with 100,557 positives; Rate of Positivity: 39.05%**

**Atlantic County: 42 new positives; no new deaths**

**Totals to date: 1,184 cases countywide with 51 deaths and 249 recovered**

### **Breakdown by Municipality:**

Absecon – 6; Atlantic City – 6; Buena Borough – 1; Buena Vista Township – 2; Egg Harbor Twp. – 4; Galloway – 9; Hamilton Township – 3; Hammonton – 5; Linwood – 1; Margate – 1; Northfield – 2; Pleasantville – 1; Somers Point - 1

### **Previously Reported Cases:**

Absecon – 99 and 4 deaths; Atlantic City – 111 and 5 deaths; Brigantine – 14 and 1 death; Buena Borough – 27 and 1 death; Buena Vista Township – 11; Corbin City – 1; Egg Harbor City – 10; Egg Harbor Twp. – 154 and 13 deaths; Estell Manor – 7; Folsom – 7; Galloway – 150 and 1 death; Hamilton Twp. – 84 and 2 deaths; Hammonton – 187 and 15 deaths; Linwood – 46 and 5 deaths; Longport – 2; Margate – 13; Mullica Twp. – 12; Northfield – 53 and 1 death; Pleasantville – 94 and 3 deaths; Port Republic – 2; Somers Point – 26; Ventnor – 23; and Weymouth Township - 9

## **Long Term Care Facilities**

Attorney General opened an investigation into LTC on April 16 to review PPE, inadequate communication with families, bodies in hallways, etc. There are no serious, legal concerns at this time

New portal to report nursing home misconduct: [covid19.nj.gov/LTC](https://covid19.nj.gov/LTC)

Governor will discuss national group to: provide direction of LTC; 2-3 week review of LTC; provide long term recommendations

New guidance is expected for use of \$2.4 billion of CARES Act funding to NJ with additional flexibility to allow for some use that was not originally included, such as small businesses, schools (\$467 million), more for expenses to continue working toward economic development

NJDCA will grant temporary emergency licenses for healthcare workers

NJ Consumer Affairs is reviewing temporary licenses for healthcare workers without licenses who cannot take final tests.

18,000 temporary licenses will be issued to individuals outside NJ, 600 licenses to recently retired doctors and nurses, and foreign-licensed physicians

## **NJDOH**

**Long Term Care facilities** - COVID-19 has devastated our LTC facilities, despite efforts of NJDOH:

- Since March, has issued 18 orders and guidance
- Has shared lists of staffing support
- Has worked with National Guard so it can perform non-medical tasks
- State survey teams have conducted inspections, resulting in issuance of 4 plans of corrective action
- Developed and expanded universal testing strategies
- Provided PPE
- Pilot Program with Cooper Hospital to test nearly 4,000 residents and staff at 16 South Jersey facilities who were mostly asymptomatic; 9.7% staff tested positive and 24.4% residents tested positive
- Recommended re-testing of all negatives at those 16 facilities to see if they remain negative (will include Meadowview)
- Implementation of regional universal masking
- Provided approximately 150 CNAs and 150 nurses to support certain LTC facilities

State will be testing 74 additional LTC facilities (more than 10,000 residents and 20,000 staff)

State has contracted with 3 facilities in North Jersey to accept COVID-19 positive residents until a nursing home bed is available and individual is recovered

NJ now has 122 testing sites; have supplies to expand capabilities

NJ positive confirmations have ranged from less than 1 year old to 108 years old

### **Daily Stats:**

**LTC** – 509 with cases statewide; 22,602 positives

**Vets Homes** – census of 677; 360 positives, 125 deaths

**Psychiatric Facilities** – census of 1,250; 167 positives, 10 deaths

### **Compliance/Enforcement**

Col. Callahan: Compliance is “exceptional”

Looking carefully at re-opening of non-essential businesses; have received positive recommendations

“Outdoor” businesses (parks, golf courses) – more manageable

“Indoor” businesses (restaurants, specialty shops) – more difficult to manage and enforce social distancing

No decision on casinos – but very close to making announcement on how and when they may reopen

No decision regarding July 7 primary – will there be physical voting machines in addition to mail-in-ballots or ALL mail-in-ballots?

