

Board of Health Report

September 1, 2020

COVID-19 Stats

- U.S.
 - 6 million cases, 184K deaths
- New Jersey
 - 192,290 cases, 14,170 deaths
 - Positivity Rate: 1.41% (8/27)
 - Rate of Transmission: 0.92
- Essex County
 - 20,368 cases, 1887 deaths
- Maplewood
 - 354 cases (+17), 27 deaths
- SOMSD is going virtual until November. First day of school is September 8th.
[SOMSD 2020-2021 Virtual Instruction Guidebook & School Schedule for Families](#)

COVID Testing Opportunities

*** September 8th, 4-6 pm Essex County COVID-19 Drive Thru Testing, Maplewood Community Pool**

- Salerno Medical Mobile Clinic, September 21- October 30, 8 am-4 pm, Maplewood Community Pool**

COVID-19 updates

NEW CDC recommendation for testing

- **If you have been in close contact (within 6 feet) of a person with a COVID-19 infection for at least 15 minutes but do not have symptoms:**
 - You do not necessarily need a test unless you are a vulnerable individual or your health care provider or State or local public health officials recommend you take one.
 - A negative test does not mean you will not develop an infection from the close contact or contract an infection at a later time.
 - You should monitor yourself for symptoms. If you develop symptoms, see a healthcare provider and inform them of potential contact
 - You should strictly adhere to CDC mitigation protocols, especially if you are interacting with a [vulnerable individual](#). You should adhere to CDC guidelines to protect vulnerable individuals with whom you [live](#).
- **If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms and have not been in close contact with someone known to have a COVID-19 infection:**
 - You do not need a test.
 - A negative test does not mean you will not contract an infection at a later time.
 - If **you** decide to be tested, you should self-isolate at home until your test results are known, and then adhere to your health care provider's advice. This does not apply to routine screening or surveillance testing at work, school, or similar situations.

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**GYMS MAY REOPEN AT 25% CAPACITY
EFFECTIVE TODAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED



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EXECUTIVE ORDER 183

- ✓ INDOOR DINING CAN RESUME AT 25% CAPACITY ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2020
- ✓ THEATERS AND INDOOR PERFORMANCE VENUES CAN REOPEN AT 25% CAPACITY (150 PEOPLE MAX) ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2020
- ✓ LIMITS FOR CERTAIN INDOOR GATHERINGS ARE RAISED TO 25% CAPACITY WITH 150 PEOPLE MAX



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SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 UPDATE: IF YOU'RE TRAVELING TO NEW JERSEY FROM THE FOLLOWING STATES AND TERRITORIES, YOU SHOULD SELF-QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS:

AL, AK, AR, CA, FL, GA, GU, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NC, ND, OK, PR, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, WI



COVID-19 Updates

- NJ Department of Human Services, **Childcare Subsidy Program for COVID-19**
 - Essex County: Program for Parents
<https://programsforparents.org/families/financial-assistance/>
 - Licensed childcare centers can also apply for funding to cover costs of disinfecting/ cleaning supplies and PPE for childcare staff.

COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATION AND DEATH BY AGE

FACTORS THAT INCREASE COMMUNITY SPREAD AND INDIVIDUAL RISK



CROWDED SITUATIONS



CLOSE / PHYSICAL CONTACT



ENCLOSED SPACE



DURATION OF EXPOSURE

Rate ratios compared to 18-29 year olds

0-4 years

5-17 years

18-29 years

30-39 years

40-49 years

50-64 years

65-74 years

75-84 years

85+ years

HOSPITALIZATION¹

4x lower

9x lower

Comparison Group

2x higher

3x higher

4x higher

5x higher

8x higher

13x higher

DEATH²

9x lower

16x lower

Comparison Group

4x higher

10x higher

30x higher

90x higher

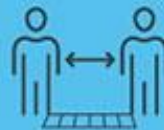
220x higher

630x higher

ACTIONS TO REDUCE RISK OF COVID-19



WEARING A MASK



SOCIAL DISTANCING (6 FT GOAL)



HAND HYGIENE



CLEANING AND DISINFECTION



¹ Data source: COVID-NET (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview/index.html>, accessed 08/06/20). Numbers are unadjusted rate ratios.

² Data source: NCHS Provisional Death Counts (<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/COVID19/index.htm>, accessed 08/06/20). Numbers are unadjusted rate ratios.

cdc.gov/coronavirus

Social Distancing Ambassadors

- Township Administration is extending the pilot program until end of September.
- Added three new youth SDAs
- Successes
- Challenges
- **Thank you to Anna Markarova, Public Health Nurse!**



Nursing Communicable/ Infectious Disease Report

- 23 investigated cases: COVID-19, Hepatitis B, Lyme Disease
- Flu vaccine: 150 doses ordered for 2020-2021- plan on a drive thru flu clinic in the municipal bldg. parking lot
- COVID contact tracing and case investigation is going smoothly; residents are receptive to calls
- Nursing follows up with persons travelling to NJ re: travel advisory
- Assist residents/ travelers with finding testing sites

Summer Meals Program at Maplecrest Park

- 8 week program, provided every weekday, Monday- Friday. Program ended on August 21st.
- Provided over 11,100 meals (150 breakfast and 150 lunch); app. 150 children/ day.
- A much needed program this year because of financial hardships, exacerbated by COVID-19.
- **Thank you to Irvington Township for their partnership in this 2nd year**
- **Thank you to Marcell McNeil and our team of dedicated volunteers**



Environmental Health Report

- Inspection Reports
 - Restaurant and Retail Food Inspections
 - Childcare Centers
 - Rat Complaints
- Tattoo/ Body Art Ordinance
- Proposed revision to the Township Chicken Raising Ordinance
- Proposal for rodent control/ rat mitigation associated with construction and demolition