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- All new information contained in this report will be highlighted.
- All requests for resources or assistance should be directed to the Essex County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 973-324-9750 or essexoem@essexsheriff.com.
- The Essex County Emergency Operations Center is operating during the following hours in response to this public health emergency to support and coordinate the preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery due to COVID-19:

Monday - Friday	0700 hours - 1700 hours
Saturday - Sunday	0700 hours - 1500 hours
- During hours that the EOC is not activated, please contact us via phone and dial "0" during the automated message to be directed to our 24/7 Communications Center or call our 24/7 Communications Center directly at 973-621-4111 and ask for a representative from OEM ***if your matter is urgent in nature***. Otherwise, the personnel in the Communications Center will take the information and it will be addressed during the EOC's operational hours.
- Any public information of media related inquiries should be directed to the County Executive's PIO (Anthony Puglisi - 973-621-2542) or the Sheriff's PIO (Julian Coltre - 973-508-8998)

A. COUNTY UPDATES

- Essex County is conducting COVID-19 testing at our satellite mobile test sites three days a week with increased hours. Residents and county employees who are symptomatic or asymptomatic are encouraged to visit <http://www.essexcovid.org> to schedule a test.
- Essex County has teamed with NJRA to grant 9 million dollars to Essex County businesses who need rental assistance because of COVID-19. A flyer containing additional information is attached to Sit Rep #342.
- Essex County has announced dates for the Emergency Food Distribution Event. For more information visit <https://essexcountynj.org/emergency-food-distribution/>
- The contact information for the Essex County Covid-19 Testing Call Center have been updated as follows:

E-Mail: essexcovid19@admin.essexcountynj.org
 Phone: 973-877-8456
 Fax: 973-649-6351



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- All County Parks and Reservations are open to the public to engage in passive recreational activities in which social distancing can be readily achieved and with the following restrictions:
 - i. All persons are required to comply with Governor Murphy’s Executive Order 133 or subsequent orders issued regulating the use of County parks.
 - ii. **All persons shall wear face coverings.**
- b) County golf courses shall be open to the public with the following restrictions:
 - i. All persons are required to comply with Governor Murphy’s Executive Order 133 or subsequent orders issued regulating the use of County golf courses.
 - ii. **All persons shall wear face coverings.**
- To date, the Essex County EOC has fielded **437 resource requests** and distributed **2,921,488** units of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to OEM, Police, Fire, EMS, Long-Term Care Facilities and other Essex County stakeholders.

Total PPE Distributed	N95 Masks	Surgical Masks	KN95 Masks	Face Shields	Surgical Gowns	Gloves
2,921,488	87,552	1,590,346	246,621	133,087	98,559	765,323

- On March 17, 2020, at 0700 the Essex County EOC was activated and will be open daily from 0700-2300.
- On March 16, 2020, at 2120 hours Essex County OEM Coordinator Armando B. Fontoura, with the Support of the County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, declared a County Emergency.



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DATA NOTES:

- The following counts are generated from cases in the NJDOH Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS) and may include cases that have been recently uploaded by laboratories and not yet evaluated by a local health department (LHD).
- These values are a count of individuals with a positive lab result for SARS-CoV2 (COVID19) and town counts are based on the town assigned as their primary address within CDRSS. The town assignment may change upon investigation by local health departments which may be responsible for a decrease in case counts.
- The number of deaths reported represents the number of deceased individuals who tested positive for COVID19 and reports by town is based on the decedent's primary address in the data system. Particularly in the case of former nursing home residents, the town of assignment may change based on further investigation by local health departments.
- Social distancing, hand hygiene, and other steps to prevent infection must be followed at all times in all municipalities regardless of the number of cases.
- The number of infected individuals in any municipality is likely to be much greater than indicated as this data ONLY includes persons who have been tested and whose lab results have been reported in the state's data system.
- On 9/16/20, the data source for daily count data was changed to the recently created NJDOH COVID Report (Lab-Confirmed PCR). This report will provide a more stable source of data compared to that previously available and local health departments may also access this report as needed. Additionally, NJDOH has changed the way incoming lab results are coded and daily reports of negative test results are no longer available.



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B. POSITIVE CASES REPORTED

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Cases as of Last Report</u>	<u>Cases Current Report</u>	<u>Cases Change</u>	<u>Deaths as of Last Report</u>	<u>Current Reported Deaths</u>	<u>Deaths Change</u>
Belleville	3236	3265	29	84	84	0
Bloomfield	3082	3107	25	91	91	0
Caldwell	324	328	4	12	12	0
Cedar Grove	932	942	10	119	119	0
East Orange	3953	3986	33	250	250	0
Essex Fells	118	122	4	2	2	0
Fairfield	511	514	3	23	24	1
Glen Ridge	180	182	2	9	9	0
Irvington	2705	2722	17	178	178	0
Livingston	1089	1095	6	79	79	0
Maplewood	695	698	3	30	30	0
Millburn	444	449	5	7	7	0
Montclair	1238	1239	1	58	59	1
Newark	21983	22236	253	773	774	1
North Caldwell	229	232	3	6	6	0
Nutley	1558	1568	10	43	44	1
Orange	2018	2029	11	105	106	1
Roseland	269	273	4	15	15	0
South Orange	404	410	6	8	9	1
Verona	508	510	2	15	15	0
West Caldwell	601	601	0	50	50	0
West Orange	2750	2777	27	204	204	0
<u>Essex County Totals</u>	<u>Cases as of Last Report Total</u> 48,827	<u>Current Cases Total</u> 49,285	<u>Case Change Total</u> 458	<u>Deaths as of Last Report Total</u> 2,161	<u>Current Death Total</u> 2,167	<u>Death Change Total</u> 6
Countywide Negative Tests: <u>no longer available, see page 3</u>						
<u>Statewide Totals (NJ)</u>	494,317	504,647	10,330	17,223	17,464	241



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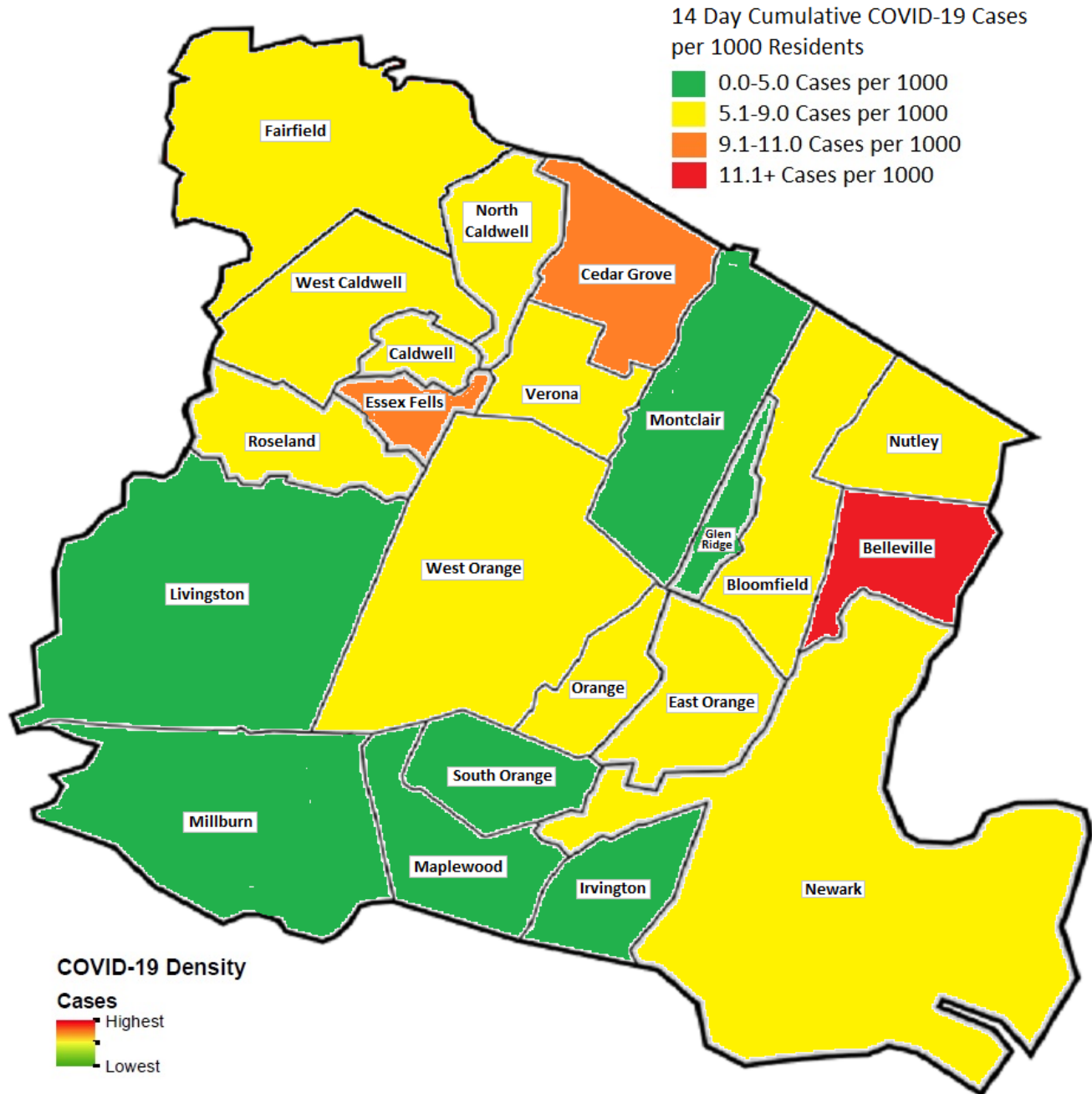
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**Total number of cases per 1000 residents in each town using data from the last 14 days.
 (12-07-2020 -12-21-2020)**





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C. MUNICIPAL ACTIVATIONS/DECLARATIONS

- 16 municipalities have activated their Emergency Operations Center
- 21 municipalities have declared a Municipal Emergency
- Any municipalities that are deactivating their EOC or rescinding their declaration must update E-Team, and notify Essex OEM by email.

Municipality	Emergency Declaration			EOC Activated			
	Yes	No	Date	Yes	No	Date	Time
Belleville	X		3/17/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Bloomfield	X		3/18/20			Daily	Remotely
Caldwell	X		3/17/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Cedar Grove	X		3/17/20		X	--	--
East Orange	X		3/16/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Essex Fells		X	--		X	--	--
Fairfield	X		3/16/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Glen Ridge	X		3/16/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Irvington	X		3/19/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Livingston	X		3/19/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Maplewood	X		3/13/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Millburn	X		3/16/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Montclair	X		3/17/20	X		Daily	0830-1630
Newark	X		3/17/20		X		
North Caldwell	X		3/17/20		X	--	--
Nutley	X		3/18/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Orange	X		3/19/20	X		3/19/20	24/7
Roseland	X		3/19/20		X	--	--
South Orange	X		3/13/20	X		Daily	Remotely
Verona	X		3/14/20	X		Daily	Remotely
West Caldwell	X		4/30/20		X	--	--
West Orange	X		3/16/20	X		Daily	0800-2000 M-F

Notes: None



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D. ESSEX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Public health recommendations:
 - Get a flu shot! Best to get vaccinated in September or October but can get vaccinated into January.
 - Wear a cloth or disposable mask when in public (both indoors and outdoors).
 - Practice social distancing (keep a 6 feet space between you and others).
 - Follow good respiratory hygiene recommendations.
 - Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve, not your hands.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
 - Stay home if you are sick and avoid sick people.
 - Review and follow CDC travel advisories when planning travel. If you become ill after returning home to the United States, call your healthcare provider before going to a doctor's office or emergency department of a hospital. Wear a cloth or disposable mask when entering the building to protect others.
 - Stay up to date about COVID-19. If you have COVID-19 questions call 211, 1-800-826-1253, or visit the website at covid19.nj.gov
 - Reminder for faith communities about celebrating safely to avoid increased transmission of COVID19: Follow COVID-19 guidance when observing religious holidays and Fall festivals and adhere to gathering restrictions, Maintain social distancing and wear masks, as outlined in Executive Orders, and Stay Connected: join or host observances via phone or video conferencing and via live streaming on social media.

E. VACCINATION/MOBILE TESTING

- Vaccination
 - Essex County has established five Vaccination Centers that are currently vaccinating frontline healthcare workers. As more doses become available other critical populations will then receive vaccinations. Please see the attached flier for additional information.

Essex County Vaccine Center Locations:

Essex County College
 303 University Ave. Newark
 Serving: Newark, East Orange, & Irvington

Kmart West Orange
 235 Prospect Avenue, West Orange
 Serving: Cedar Grove, Essex Fells,
 Montclair, Newark, Nutley, Verona, West
 Orange



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Essex County Donald M. Payne, Sr.
 School of Technology
 498-544 W. Market Street
 Newark, NJ
 Serving; East Orange, Irvington, Newark

Livingston Mall (Sears)
 112 Eisenhower Pkwy
 Livingston, NJ
 Serving: Belleville, Livingston, Millburn,
 Maplewood, Newark, Orange & S Orange

West Caldwell Tech
 620 Passaic Ave
 West Caldwell, NJ
 Serving: Bloomfield, Caldwell, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Newark, North Caldwell, Roseland,
 & West Caldwell

- To schedule a vaccine, you must make an appointment by calling 973-877-8456 or visiting EssexCOVID.org.

➤ Mobile Testing

- Essex County is conducting COVID-19 testing at our satellite mobile test sites three days a week with increased hours. Residents and county employees who are symptomatic or asymptomatic are encouraged to visit <http://www.essexcovid.org> to schedule a test.

F. ESSEX COUNTY EMS COORDINATOR

- EMS agencies are reminded to work with their local OEM for all resource requests.
- A Regional EMS Staffing and Response COOP Plan was discussed. EMS agencies were advised to notify County EMS Coordinator if a backfill ambulance is needed in their municipality or region.
- Essex County OEM tent support systems are currently deployed at:
 - Mountainside Hospital
 - University Hospital

G. ESSEX COUNTY FIRE COORDINATOR



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- Essex County Fire Mutual Aid will allow mutual aid coverage to go to the requesting community. Personnel will stay outside of the host Fire Station unless necessary. Personnel may enter the station to utilize the restroom only.
- The relocation Companies should be rotated approximately every three (3) hours. The Incident Commander will need to provide updates to determine the time necessary for coverage. Also, no sick member(s) will be sent out for Relocation Duties.
- If an agency has any injured Firefighters please remember to submit a Fire Fighter Serious Injury/Fatality Reports. If they need any assistance with Fire Fighter injuries use the following contact Vince Campagna, Division of Fire Safety at 609-468-6619.
- As per the Essex County Fire Coordinator in regards to fire response, any member in a high-risk health category should consider standing down from responding to a scene for their own safety.
 - A high-risk health member is defined as anyone over the age of 60 and anyone with respiratory issues, diabetes or immune deficiencies.
 - If this member is a driver, he/she should stand down.
 - If no other drivers are available, command will decide if they should respond.
 - If no other drivers are available, they should remain in the cab unless they need to operate apparatus from outside. Always error on the side of caution.

H. STATE UPDATES

- On December 31, 2020, Governor Murphy and Superintendent Callahan announced an Administrative Order clarifying the capacity limits for indoor sports practices and competitions and the restrictions on interstate youth sports competitions. The full administrative order can be found here:
 - <https://nj.gov/governor/news/ao/docs/AO2020-25.pdf>
- On December 21, 2020, Governor Murphy Signed, **Executive Order 210**, Extending Public Health Emergency in New Jersey. The full executive order can be found here:
 - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-210.pdf>
- On December 4, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed, **Executive Order 207**, Enrolling Residents Who Choose to Receive a COVID-19 Vaccine in the New Jersey Immunization Information System. The full executive order can be found here:
 - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-207.pdf>



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- On November 30, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed, **Executive Order 204**, Pausing Indoor Practices and Competitions for Youth and Adult Sports and Lowering Limits on Outdoor Gatherings. The full executive order can be found here:
 - <https://www.nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-204.pdf>
- On November 25, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed, **Executive Order 203**, postponing Special Schools Elections scheduled for January 2021. The full executive order can be found here:
 - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-203.pdf>
- On November 16, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed, **Executive Order 196**, lowering limits on indoor and outdoor gatherings. The full executive order can be found here:
 - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-196.pdf>
- On November 13, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed, **Executive Order 195**, Permitting Municipalities and Counties to Impose Additional Restrictions on the Hours of Operation of Non-Essential Businesses after 8:00 p.m. The full executive order can be found here:
 - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-195.pdf>
- Governor Phil Murphy advised individuals traveling to New Jersey from states or territories with significant community spread of COVID-19 to quarantine for a 14-day period from the time of last contact within the identified state or territory. The updated advisory includes the addition of Maine and New Hampshire, bringing the total to 45 states and territories.
- The State of New Jersey highly discourages, to the extent practical, non-essential interstate travel given increased spread of the virus nationwide.
- On November 10, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed, **Executive Order 194**, which adds additional restrictions to indoor dining, bar side seating, outdoor dining, and casinos effective Thursday, November 12, 2020. The full executive order can be found here:
 - <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-194.pdf>
- On October 28, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy Signed, **Executive Order 192**, to Protect New Jersey's Workforce during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The full executive order can be found here:
 - <https://www.nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-192.pdf>



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I. ESSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL / EMERGENCY ROOM UPDATES

- All hospitals are receiving PPE directly from the SEOC and NJ OEM based on their reporting through the NJHA portal.
- Clara Maass Medical Center
- East Orange General
 - Additional Skilled Nursing In-Patient Facilities added:
 - 250 Bed Capacity
- East Orange Veterans
- Hackensack UMC Mountainside
 - One (1) 19 X 35 Western Shelter Tent and HVAC with a generator was established outside the emergency department for rapid triage of patients.
- Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
- RWJ St. Barnabas Medical Center
- St. Michael's Medical Center
- University Hospital

J. E-TEAM / RESOURCE REQUESTS

- All resource requests regardless of the originating agency, inclusive of health care facilities should be routed through the NJOEM E-Team Resource Request Process. This process requires requesting agencies initiate the request through their respective County OEM.

K. GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC CLOSURES

- Courthouses and court facilities are open only to attorneys, litigants, and members of the public with scheduled proceedings or appointments. You do not need an appointment to seek a domestic violence restraining order at the county courthouse.

L. DISRUPTIONS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES



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M. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- CDC www.cdc.gov/COVID19
- New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub <https://covid19.nj.gov/>
- NJDOE <https://www.nj.gov/education/topics/index.shtml>
- NJDOH <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>
- CDC Guidance for first responders and PSAPs
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-for-ems.html>
- CDC Guidance for extended use and reuse of PPE
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/hcwcontrols/recommendedguidanceextuse.html>
- CDC Guidance for Law Enforcement
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/guidance-law-enforcement.pdf>