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CAPE MAY COUNTY REPORTS NO NEW CASES OF COVID-19 DETAILS RELEASED ON PERFORMED TESTS

Cape May County is reporting no new cases of COVID-19 today for the first time since April 5. While the numbers of COVID-19 continue to decline in the County, progress continues to be made in expanding testing options for the disease. Because of the actions taken by residents of social distancing, hand washing, and wearing a mask, the positivity rate has dropped as the amount of testing options increased. For the week between May 17 to May 23, it is calculated that the positivity rate in tests were 2.5%.

During this time, at least 2,174 tests were performed, or 310 per day. In total, 56 positive tests were returned during this stretch. The tests are sent to various labs across the County to process. While all the positive tests are returned, it is unclear if all the negatives do and the number of tests run per day during that period could be higher as a result. This would only potentially decrease the positivity rate.

“Our Health Department has done amazing work with the health community and now private companies who are stepping up to providing COVID-19 testing,” said Freeholder Jeff Pierson, liaison to the Health Department. “We continue to see more testing options for residents and encourage anyone who thinks they might have symptoms to get tested.”

Testing locations for COVID-19 now include Cape Regional Urgent Care in Wildwood, Marmora, and Cape May Court House, Cape Regional Hospital, Complete Care Health Network, and CVS in Seaville. Proof of insurance is not needed at the Cape Regional Urgent Care locations. There is also other out of County testing options for people, like the State testing facilities.

“People have taken great personal responsibility in keeping safe and we have seen the results,” said Freeholder Director Gerald M. Thornton. “As we continue to open up our State, we ask people to continue to be smart about keeping six feet distance or wearing a mask when proper social distancing can’t take place.”