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Cape May Court House- New Jersey has 148,039 total COVID-19 positive cases and 10,435 deaths. Total positive cases of COVID-19 infection in Cape May County is now 521 including 41 deaths. All contact tracing of these positive cases is performed by the Cape May County Department of Health nursing staff. Sadly, the County Health Department reports an 87-year-old female from Lower Township passing today from COVID-19.

“We are celebrating the life of a good citizen of Cape May County and mourning their passing,” said Freeholder Director Gerald Thornton. “She is remembered in our thoughts and prayers.”

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>ACTIVE CASES</u>	<u>REPORTED TODAY</u>	<u>OFF QUARANTINE</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>LONG TERM CARE ACTIVE CASES</u>	<u>LONG TERM CARE OFF QUARANTINE</u>	<u>LONG TERM CARE CENTER DEATHS</u>
AVALON	0		7				
CAPE MAY CITY	1		3				
CAPE MAY POINT	0						
DENNIS TOWNSHIP	4		15	1	26		2
LOWER TOWNSHIP	22	1	54	3	61	12	24
MIDDLE TOWNSHIP	19	2	58	2	0	4	
NORTH WILDWOOD	4		7				
OCEAN CITY	9		23		0	1	
SEA ISLE CITY	0		2				
STONE HARBOR	1						
UPPER TOWNSHIP	17	1	37	2			
WEST CAPE MAY	1		2				
WEST WILDWOOD	3		1				
WILDWOOD	1		29				
WILDWOOD CREST	2		9				
WOODBINE	7	2	7	1	31		6
TOTAL ACTIVE	91				118	17	
TOTAL RECOVERED			254				
TOTAL DECEASED				9			32
TOTAL CASES IN CAPE MAY COUNTY	521						

Contact Tracing Information and Job Portal

Contact tracing, a core disease control measure employed by local and state health department personnel for decades, is a key strategy for preventing further spread of COVID-19. Contact tracing is part of the process of supporting patients with suspected or confirmed infection.

In contact tracing, public health staff work with a patient to help them recall everyone with whom they have had close contact during the timeframe while they may have been infectious. Public health staff then warn these exposed individuals (contacts) of their potential exposure as rapidly and sensitively as possible.

Contacts are provided with education, information, and support to understand their risk, what they should do to separate themselves from others who are not exposed, monitor themselves for illness, and the possibility that they could spread the infection to others even if they themselves do not feel ill.

Contacts are encouraged to stay home and [maintain social distance](#) from others (at least 6 feet) until 14 days after their last exposure, in case they also become ill. They should monitor themselves by checking their temperature twice daily and watching for cough or shortness of breath. To the extent possible, public health staff should check in with contacts to make sure they are self-monitoring and have not developed symptoms. Contacts who develop symptoms should promptly isolate themselves and notify public health staff. They should be promptly evaluated for infection and for the need for medical care.

Recently, Governor Murphy highlighted the state's effort to build a contact-tracing corps that will supplement the roughly 800 staff and volunteers now doing this work on a local and county level. The governor said the state would tap public health students at Rutgers University and other colleges for assistance, plus contract with a staffing company to hire additional tracers.

Murphy said contact tracers will be paid \$25 an hour, and will either be employed by the state, Rutgers or the contractor, officials said. (Interested individuals can also sign up [online](#).)

<https://covid19.nj.gov/forms/tracer>

The state will foot the bill for a new technology platform to provide training and data-collection functions for all contact tracers, regardless of where they are deployed, officials said. Their findings will be compiled in a central state database, although the privacy of those who test positive will be protected, according to DOH.

Call your healthcare professional if you have concerns about COVID-19 and your underlying health conditions. Stay up to date on the current situation as it evolves. Some reliable sources are New Jersey Poison Information and Education System hotline at 211 or 1-800-962-1253, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov, the World Health Organization at www.who.int, the New Jersey Department of Health at COVID19.nj.gov. **For additional information** visit <https://capemaycountynj.gov/> or Cape May County Department of Health at www.cmchealth.net, also like us on Facebook.
