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Cape May Court House – Cape May County Health Department announces three more positive COVID-19 cases bringing the total 224 and passing of two more residents a 97-year-old male and a 77-year-old male.

“We are deeply saddened by these tragic losses and send our condolences to the families,” said Freeholder Director Gerald Thornton.

The entire state of New Jersey, including Cape May County, is experiencing widespread community transmission of COVID-19. Residents should assume the risk of exposure is everywhere and behave accordingly, regardless of the details of specific numbers and locations of cases.

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>ACTIVE CASES</u>	<u>REPORTED TODAY</u>	<u>OFF QUARANTINE</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
AVALON	0		6	
CAPE MAY CITY	1		3	
CAPE MAY POINT	0			
DENNIS TOWNSHIP	8		3	1
LOWER TOWNSHIP	42	1	17	13
MIDDLE TOWNSHIP	36	1	10	
NORTH WILDWOOD	2		3	
OCEAN CITY	15		4	
SEA ISLE CITY	0		2	
STONE HARBOR	0			
UPPER TOWNSHIP	20	1	6	2
WEST CAPE MAY	1			
WEST WILDWOOD	0		1	
WILDWOOD	15		3	
WILDWOOD CREST	4		4	
WOODBINE	1			1
TOTAL ACTIVE	145			
TOTAL RECOVERED			62	
TOTAL DECEASED				17
TOTAL CASES IN CAPE MAY COUNTY	224			

“Community transmission indicates that you can get COVID-19 from anywhere within the community; you don’t have to travel or know a person with the disease in order to get it. This means everyone should stay home and only go out for essential needs as rarely as possible,” insists Freeholder Jeff Pierson. “If you need to go out for critical items like grocery shopping or medical care, wear a cloth face covering and stay at least six feet away from others. Wash your hands and clean surfaces often. These personal precautions apply to all of us – stay home!”

More importantly, everyone should understand that staying safe depends on your individual behavior. The most effective ways to protect yourself and those around you, and limiting the spread of illness, are personal precautions. This is how we all work together, to save lives.

- Stay home as much as possible, except for essential travel;
- If you must go out in public, wear a cloth face covering;
- Stay home when you are sick;
- Avoid contact with sick people;
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing;
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces;
- If you are experiencing symptoms, call your doctor;
- Practice social distancing. Maintain at least six feet of space between yourself and other individuals when out in public; and
- Avoid close contact with crowds of any size, and avoid any crowd of more than 10 people.
- **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.

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