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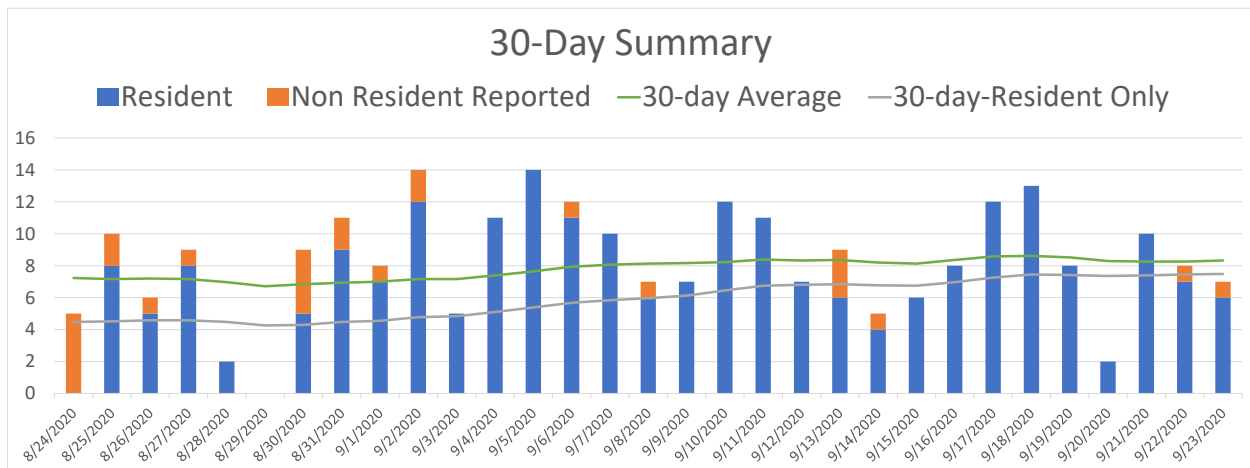
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Cape May Court House- The County of Cape May Department of Health is reporting 6 new positive cases among County residents as listed below and 1 new out of county positive case that is included in the Non-resident Active Cases listed below.

Total positive cases of COVID-19 infection in Cape May County is now 1312 including 90 deaths.

Municipality	Resident Active Cases	Community Reported 09/23/2020	Off Quarantine	Community Fatalities	Non Resident Active Cases	Non Resident Reported 09/23/2020	Long-Term Care Active Cases	Long-Term Care Reported 09/23/2020	Long-term Care Off-Quarantine	Long-Term Care Fatalities	County Total Cases
AVALON	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
CAPE MAY CITY	1	0	35	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	38
CAPE MAY POINT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DENNIS TOWNSHIP	7	0	56	3	0	0	1	0	38	8	113
LOWER TOWNSHIP	17	0	180	9	0	0	0	0	71	33	310
MIDDLE TOWNSHIP	21	0	209	3	0	0	1	0	26	10	270
NORTH WILDWOOD	8	0	50	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
OCEAN CITY	10	1	70	1	1	1	0	0	5	2	88
SEA ISLE CITY	8	2	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	26
STONE HARBOR	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
UPPER TOWNSHIP	12	1	126	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	141
WEST CAPE MAY	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
WEST WILDWOOD	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
WILDWOOD	4	1	68	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
WILDWOOD CREST	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
WOODBINE	3	0	60	2	0	0	3	0	42	9	119
Total	94	6	941	28	6	1	5	0	182	62	1312



Organized sports activities have restarted in stages.

Low-risk, non-contact sports, such as golf and tennis, can resume practices and competitions, indoors and outdoors.

Medium- and high-risk sports, including baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, and football can resume contact practices and competitions **in outdoor settings only**. Non-contact practices and drills can resume in both indoor and outdoor settings.

The New Jersey State Department of Health has issued guidance for organized sports with further details on which sports are defined in which category, how to create a sports program preparation plan, how to prepare a facility for sports practices, how to conduct sports practices, and how to prepare for games and tournaments.

All sports will have to abide by a number of health and safety protocols in the guidance, including screenings for athletes, coaches, and staff, limited equipment sharing, strong requirements for disinfecting and sanitizing equipment, and cooperating with local health departments on contact tracing.

Staff, parents, guardians, and visitors are required to wear cloth face coverings at practices and games. Athletes are encouraged to wear masks during downtime, but not during physical activity.

All competitions or tournaments must abide by the limit on outdoor gatherings, which is currently limited to 500 people.

Fall School Sports Season

Sports under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) or the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) must also abide by those associations' rules.

The final determination on the fall high school sports seasons will be made by the NJSIAA, and school districts will make the ultimate decision on whether teams will resume competition.

A student-athlete's ability to participate with their team will not be altered in any way - regardless of whether they participate in remote-learning or in-person instruction.

Note: A new law waives the requirement to complete an annual pre-participation physical examination for any student-athlete enrolled in grade six to 12 who either completed a physical examination during the 2019-2020 school year or completed a physical examination that allowed the student to participate on a school-sponsored interscholastic or intramural athletic team or squad during the 2019-2020 school year.

A student-athlete who has not completed a physical examination within 365 days prior to the first day of official practice in the athletic season is permitted to participate on a school-sponsored athletic team provided they complete the physical examination before the end of the athletic season.

Professional Sports

Professional sports teams which train or play in New Jersey can practice and engage in games or matches, if their leagues resume competition.

The State has been in constant discussions with these teams about the protocols they will have in place to protect the health and safety of the players, coaches, and team personnel - including facilities where proper sanitation and hygiene practices can be readily maintained.

Stay up to date on the current situation as it evolve. Some reliable sources are New Jersey Poison Information and Education System Hotline at 211 or 1-800-962-1253, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov, World Health Organization at www.who.int, New Jersey Department of Health at COVID19.nj.gov. For additional information visit Cape May County Department of Health at www.cmchealth.net and also like us on Facebook.

