

Jefferson Township COVID-19

Updated 5:00pm, December 29, 2020

There have been 882 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Jefferson Township

Cases:

Jefferson Township:	882 (as of 5:00pm, 12-29-20) *
Male	458
Female	424
Mean (average) Age	43.9 years
Median Age	47.0 years
Range	3 months – 96 years
COVID-19 Related Deaths	11
Negative Test Results	2,494
Probable Cases	110
Morris County:	19,774 (as of 1:00pm, 12-29-20)
New Jersey:	467,622 (as of 1:00pm, 12-29-20)
United States:	19,232,843 (as of 12:15pm, 12-29-20)

** If you are a resident and have tested positive for COVID-19, but have not been contacted by a Jefferson Township Public Health Nurse, please call the Township Health Center at 973-663-0700.*

Jefferson Township confirmed its eleventh (11th) COVID-19 related fatality. The decedent, a 63-year-old male suffering multiple preexisting chronic conditions, passed away on December 2. Any close contacts have been identified and notified, and are quarantining per State protocol.

As of 5:00pm on December 29, there have been 882 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 110 probable cases and 11 COVID-19-related deaths in Jefferson Township. Active cases are recovering and receiving treatment as necessary. Negative test results have been reported for 2,494 individuals.

Jefferson Township health officials are following all appropriate NJ Department of Health (NJDOH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protocols in conducting efficient and comprehensive follow up. Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 are being contacted by Jefferson Township's Health Department, are isolated from the public per federal/state guidelines and are being monitored per NJDOH and CDC requirements to ensure compliance with all protocols in protecting our community.

Please be advised that per established guidelines, household contacts and close contacts of individuals who test positive for COVID-19 are contacted by the Jefferson Township Health Department, are asked for information, and are furnished with instructions for quarantine and monitoring.

Please note: Federal and state law strictly prohibits the release to the public of private health information of any individual, including the name, address or any other identifying information specific to those who test positive for COVID-19. Jefferson Township maintains compliance with all applicable local, county, state and federal regulations.

Persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 are isolated from the public. Persons who have been exposed to an individual with COVID-19 but do not yet have symptoms are *not* under isolation but are advised to *quarantine* in accordance with state and federal protocols. For an easy to read summary of health actions to take whether you are sick or well, please go to this link: [COVID-19: Health Actions to Protect You and Your Family](#)

For your protection and for the protection of those around you, please:

- Continue to stay home as appropriate
- Comply with social distancing measures
- In public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, wear cloth face coverings
- In settings where a retail business is permitted to maintain in-person operations, customers and workers are to wear cloth face coverings while on premises
- Wash hands frequently
- Cough/sneeze into a tissue or your sleeve instead of hands
- Self-monitor for symptom
- If you experience symptoms (most common symptoms are fever of 100.4°F, cough, shortness of breath, new loss of smell or taste), please call your healthcare provider for guidance

Inasmuch as current data is available, Jefferson Township will continue to update the public regularly regarding the status of cases within the Township, Morris County, New Jersey and the United States.

Resources:

- [New Jersey COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention COVID-19 Website](#)
- [New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub](#)
- [New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Website](#)
- [Jefferson Township COVID-19 Resources Page](#)

Definitions:

Household contact: *Defined as a person who lives in the same household.*

Close contact: *Defined as a person spending a prolonged period of time within approximately six feet (6') of a confirmed case (i.e., caring for, living with, visiting or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room) or having direct contact with infectious secretions of a confirmed case (such as being coughed or sneezed on), in the time period from three days (72 hours) prior to onset of a case's symptoms until the beginning of isolation of the case.*

Casual contacts: *Defined as other persons who may have had casual contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (i.e., sharing the same indoor environment, like a lobby or office, for a prolonged period of time; occupying the same room briefly). Please note that casual contacts will not be contacted by the Division of Health and do not need to be placed under quarantine. These persons should continue to follow all applicable orders (from State, Morris County and/or municipal government), comply with social distancing measures, maintain hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, and self-monitor for symptoms (fever of 100.4°F or higher, cough and/or shortness of breath).*