

COVID-19 UPDATES:

March 28, 2020

There are 13 new confirmed cases today. Bringing the total number of West Orange residents to 79.

15 Year-Old Male
20 Year-Old Male
29 Year-Old Male
35 Year-Old Male
38 Year-Old Female
49 Year-Old Male
59 Year-Old Female
60 Year-Old Female
66 Year-Old Male
66 Year-Old Female
68 Year-Old Male
70 Year-Old Female
88 Year-Old Female

We continue to offer our hopes for a speedy recovery for all those affected.

MAYOR'S SUNSHINE FUND

A lot of our neighbors are in need of assistance at this time and many others are trying to find ways to help. The Mayor's Sunshine Fund was established several decades ago for just this purpose. On an annual basis, The Mayor's Sunshine Fund provides Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas presents to hundreds of residents each year while also providing temporary assistance to residents experiencing setbacks.

The Fund is being used during this crisis to assist in feeding many Senior Citizens on a daily basis. But the longer this crisis continues, the more resources we will need to provide help, not only to Senior Citizens, but to many neighbors that need help now and the many more that will need it the longer this continues.

The link below can be used for making tax deductible donations to the Fund...any little bit will help us to help those that need it the most!

www.westorange.org/sunshinefund

Thank you...

March 24, 2020

There are 13 additional confirmed cases since yesterday bringing the West Orange total to 47. Currently, 5 of the 47 confirmed cases are hospitalized. The remainder are continuing to recover at home.

The 13 new confirmed cases are:

- 14 Year-old Female (not in West Orange Public Schools)
- 23 Year-old Female
- 28 Year-old Female

- 31 Year-old Female
- 41 Year-old Female
- 47 Year-old Male
- 48 Year-old Female
- 65 Year-old Male
- 66 Year-old Male
- 66 Year-old Male
- 75 Year-old Male
- 75 Year-old Female
- 79 Year-old Male

The Essex County testing site opened today, from 9am - 3pm. The testing site is located in Weequahic Park in Newark. The testing will be done by appointment only. Appointments can be made on the Essex County COVID-19 Testing website at: <https://essexcovid.org/>

A call center for any Essex COVID-19 Testing related questions has been established. The call center will be open from 7am - 11pm. Phone: 973-324-9950
Email: covidtesting@essexsheriff.com Fax: 973-324-9958

Residents interested in donating gloves, masks, & sanitizers for our West Orange Police & Fire Dept., we've setup a SINGLE POINT OF DROP-OFF. West Orange Fire Dept. #5, 25 Mt. Pleasant Pl., West Orange, NJ 07052. PLEASE ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES

March 23, 2020

There has been a significant increase in confirmed cases in the last 2 days. West Orange had 5 reported cases on Friday but that has increased to 21 as of this morning, including 3 in the last hour. This significant increase is due in large part to increased and faster testing as well as the recent development of the private labs...Quest Labs specifically...reporting directly to the Communicable Disease Database.

This development was anticipated, and the Township is working each confirmed case. As required by protocol, once an individual is identified as a case of Covid-19, dissemination of specific information is prohibited by HIPPA laws. We are able to release the number of cases that have tested positive, gender and age. We are NOT, under any circumstances, able to release the identification of the individual, where they live or work or any other personal specific information.

Of these 21, 2 individuals are currently hospitalized, 19 are recovering at home. 2 individuals, not part of this 21, have already recovered and have been released.

The 21 confirmed cases are as follows:

- 15 year old male (does not attend West Orange schools)
- 21 year old male
- 40 year old male
- 40 year old female
- 42 year old female
- 42 year old male
- 47 year old male

- 47 year old female
- 50 year old female
- 51 year old male
- 52 year old male
- 55 year old female
- 57 year old male
- 57 year old male
- 62 year old male
- 63 year old male
- 63 year old male
- 64 year old female
- 65 year old male
- 69 year old female
- 69 year old female

The process is as follows:

- Public Health Nurse (PHN) is notified of positive Covid-19 case either via telephone or the Communicable Disease Reporting System.
- PHN contacts the individual and interviews them for history, contacts & symptoms.
- Individual is placed on self-isolation and symptom monitoring. Daily contact will occur with the PHN.
- Any at risk contacts identified are informed and told they have been exposed to a positive case of Covid-19 and to self-monitor at home for 14 days. Reporting daily to the PHN.
- If positive case has been thought to have had contact with any large group of individuals, such as a grocery store or religious service; the public would be notified of the possibility of exposure.
- Cases will be followed up and through resolution of all symptoms.

These numbers are expected to increase further. Township health professionals are working around the clock to follow up on each case while working to keep residents, and Township employees, as safe as possible.

All residents are reminded to stay at home as much as possible. We are only in the early stages of this shut down and we should all plan on being home for a while...read a book, watch a movie, clean the garage or just enjoy your family. Stay home and help to flatten the curve!