

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (8/18/2020)**

**Town of Dover Update on Cases of COVID-19**

At approximately 6:00 pm, August 18, 2020, the Dover Health Department, along with the New Jersey Department of Health, reported to the Deputy Town Administrator that Dover now has a total of seven hundred thirty-four (734) confirmed cases including sixty-two (62) deaths due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) within the legal boundaries of the Municipality. These numbers have been revised from previously reported and have been adjusted pending final confirmation by the Health Department and State records.

To date, here are the statistics regarding the infected individuals:

As of: August 18, 2020

<b>TOTAL POSITIVE CASES</b>	<b>TOTAL DEATH</b>	<b>TOTAL POSITIVE CASES RELEASE FROM ISOLATION</b>	<b>TOTAL FEMALES</b>	<b>TOTAL MALES</b>
734	62	682	359	375

<b>BY AGE 1-20 Y/O</b>	<b>BY AGE 21 -40</b>	<b>BY AGE 41- 60</b>	<b>BY AGE 61 – 80</b>	<b>BY AGE 81+</b>
34	228	305	122	45

As the above chart clearly demonstrates, this pandemic impacts people of all ages. We cannot stress enough that COVID-19 does not discriminate on the basis of gender and age. ALL of us are susceptible to infection and we MUST take all of the precautions recommended by the CDC.

All individuals who have for tested positive for COVID-19 to date are in isolation. Town of Dover health officials are following all applicable New Jersey Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention protocols, which require conducting an efficient and comprehensive follow up. Close contacts of these individuals who reside in Dover are currently quarantined; the Town of Dover Department of Health continually monitors their health status.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen remind all residents to abide by the Emergency Declarations and Executive Orders of Dover, Morris County, and all Executive and Administrative Orders of the Governor’s Office. The current Orders are available for review at [www.dover.nj.us](http://www.dover.nj.us).

The Mayor and Health Department continue to ask you to take the following simple, yet effective precautions to protect yourselves and others from COVID-19:

- **Stay home if you are sick.**
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.**
- **If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content.**
- **Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve.**
- **Limit close contact with individuals who are sick.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.**
- **Avoid handshakes.**
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, using manufacturer's directions.**
- **Practice social distancing – avoid crowds and stay approximately 6 feet away from others whenever possible.**

Residents showing symptoms of COVID-19 must contact their healthcare provider. Symptoms include fever of 100.4F, cough and shortness of breath. For additional information on COVID-19 resources, visit:

NJ Department of Health:  
[www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html)

NJPIES Call Center:  
1-800-222-1222 or 1-800-962-1253 (non-NJ cell phones)

Text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive text information and to stay informed