



BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN

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Dear Dunellen Residents & Business Owners,

Today, I was notified by the Middlesex County Public Health Department of four additional confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Dunellen, now making a total of one hundred forty in our borough. All cases are under quarantine. It is with a heavy heart that I write to you that the Middlesex County Public Health Department has confirmed today that there have been two additional deaths in our borough due to COVID-19, now making a total of six in our borough. Personal information cannot be shared in identifying the persons. We extend our deepest condolences to the families impacted by this deadly disease.

Middlesex County Public Health Department continues to be the lead Agency in all investigations regarding confirmed COVID-19 cases, including all close contacts. If it is determined that a member of the community has been in close contact with any individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, the County will reach out to the individual(s).

Please note that we are aware that the numbers we are reporting for confirmed COVID-19 cases in Dunellen differ from what is being reported on the Middlesex County page. At the same time the County is confirming and reconciling their data, the Borough is also reconciling the data, to produce an accurate count within our borough. The Borough, the County and the State are working hard to release the most accurate and up-to-date information. This situation is fluid and ever-changing, and we appreciate residents' patience as we seek to update the information locally as what we consider most accurate. Furthermore, the State of New Jersey is not releasing recovery data at this time, and therefore, neither is the Middlesex County Public Health Department.

My office will continue to be contact with the Middlesex County Public Health Department and will share whatever information is permitted by law.

If residents should have questions regarding COVID-19, they are encouraged to call the NJ State Health Call Center at 1-800-222-1222 or you may call the Middlesex County Health Department 24/7 at (732) 745-3100. You may also visit the New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub at: www.covid19.nj.gov.

The message remains the same, we must maintain social distancing. As seen in our confirmed case numbers, Dunellen has yet to flatten the curve. We must be vigilant in our efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of all of our residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason F. Cilento".

Jason F. Cilento, Mayor
Borough of Dunellen