

New people affected 7/10/2020

Each one is a person not a number

New cases in Franklin Township: 9 - Ages 24,26,40,47,52,57,59,92,92

Total cases in Franklin Township: 1325

New fatalities reported in Franklin Township: 0

Total fatalities reported in Franklin Township: 131

LTC fatalities reported in Franklin Township: 62 (last updated 7/6)

Franklin calculated values *

- Doubling time: ~7 months
- R_7 : 1.45
- pseudo Recovered: 1118
- Pending Recovery: 76
- 85% of deaths (111 of 131) are 65 years or older.
- 60 consecutive days with 10 or fewer new cases
- 0 consecutive days with 3 or fewer new cases

- NJ Hospitalizations % of peak (904/8293) = 11%
- NJ total tests 1,599,417
- NJ total positive = 174,240 - % positive - 11%
- NJ spot positive = 1.5% **
- NJ average number of tests/day in the last 10 days – 19,235
- NJ R_t = 1.02

I am concerned by the recent uptick in Franklin. I asked the County Health Officer about it as well as the time it is taking for the labs to notify the Dept of Health. This is interfering with contact tracing.

She informed me that there was no pattern that points to a particular risk of exposure in Franklin. Although across the county including Franklin, LTC continues to be a setting of concern that we are and need to continue to focus on. Re the delay in test results, this is a statewide problem with certain labs, delays of up to 14 days in some instances. The State is aware of the problem and have assured the Health Officers across the state that they are working to correct this.

There has been an increase in testing in town which might account for some of the uptick but not all.

In response, I have been in communication with Assemblyman Danielsen and Freeholder Director Shanel Robinson about further increase in testing. We are working with the Interfaith Council to see if we can use their facilities and networking to provide more testing opportunities.

* Definitions

Doubling time: The amount of time it would take to double the number of current cases at the current rate of growth. The higher the better

R₇: The number of people an infected person would infect. Calculate by the sum of the new cases over the last 7 days divided by the number of new cases over the previous 7 days. The lower the better. Under 1 is good.

Pseudo recovered: The number of people who were infected 30 or more days ago who haven't died.

Pending recovered: the number of people infected in the last 29 days who haven't died. (total cases – deaths – pseudo recovered)

**Spot positivity – Percent of recent test being positive. Average for the last 5 days.

My typical disclaimers and sources

I do not answer questions about location of the positives (except LTC). I do not have that information (except LTC). For the reasons why please see my post on March 31 <http://mayorkramer.com/files/mar31.html#4>

Please see the Somerset Co. status map.

<https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/government/public-health-safety/health-department/services/disease-prevention/covid-19-status-map>

We have gotten more specificity on why the Twp.'s count of the number of total cases for Franklin differs from the county cases on their map. If an infected person who lives in Franklin moves to a care facility out of Franklin, then the county does not include them in the total number. We do. If someone who lives in another town becomes infected and then comes to Franklin, we do not count them. The county does.

The State dashboard can be found
at https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml

Test numbers: <https://covidtracking.com/data/state/new-jersey>

NJ R_t – <https://rt.live>