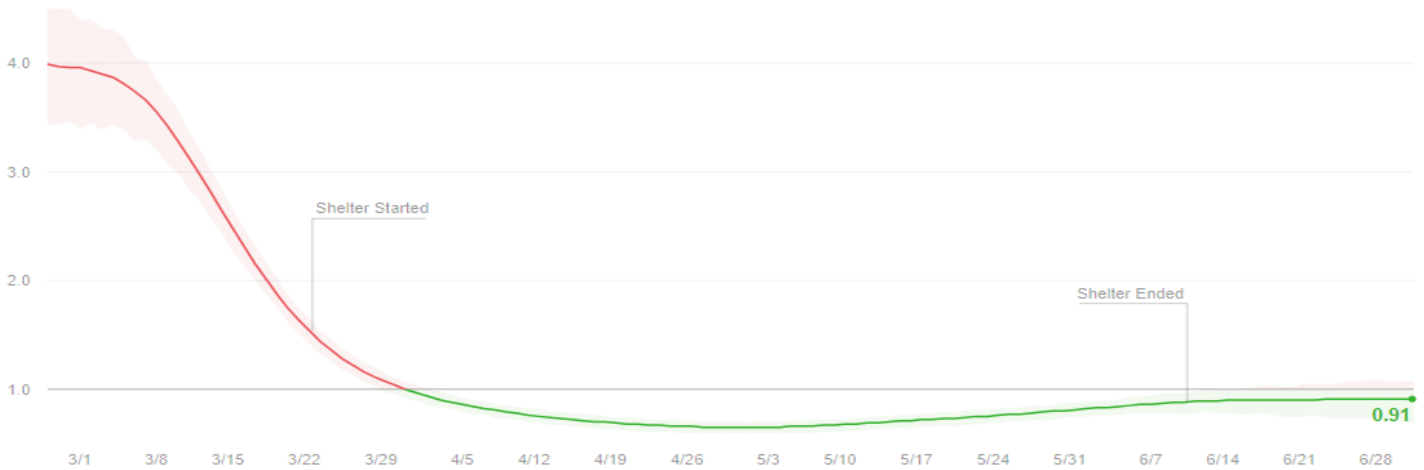A look around the country and the effect it may have on NJ
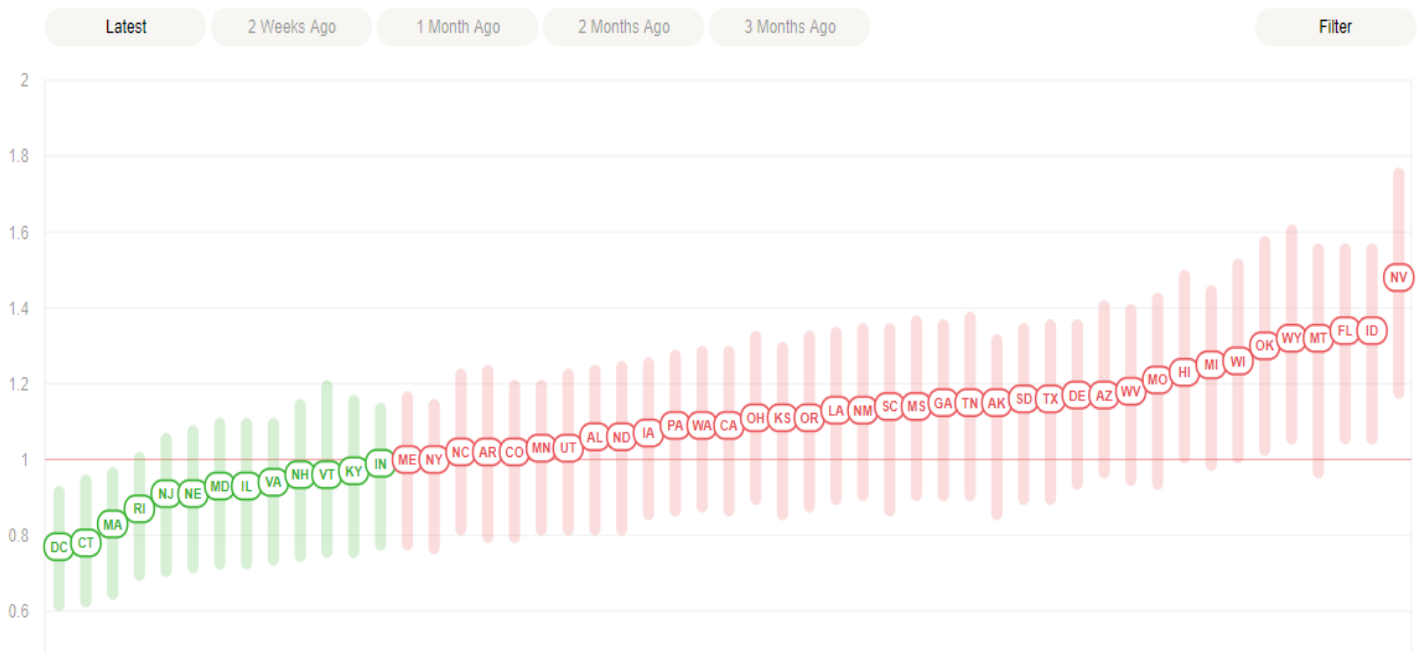
Are you concerned about the virus spread in the rest of the country and the effect it could have on NJ? Here is some perspective.

I've discussed R_t several times. It is a calculation which estimates how many people one infected person appears to be infecting at current conditions. So, an R_t of 2 means every person who is infected would spread COVID to 2 people on average. R_t greater than 1 means the virus is expanding its reach and an R_t less then 1 means it's contracting. R_t is difficult to calculate so I calculate R_7 which compares the last 7 days to the prior 7 days. It's close but https://rt.live/ does it the right way. Here is NJ from that site.
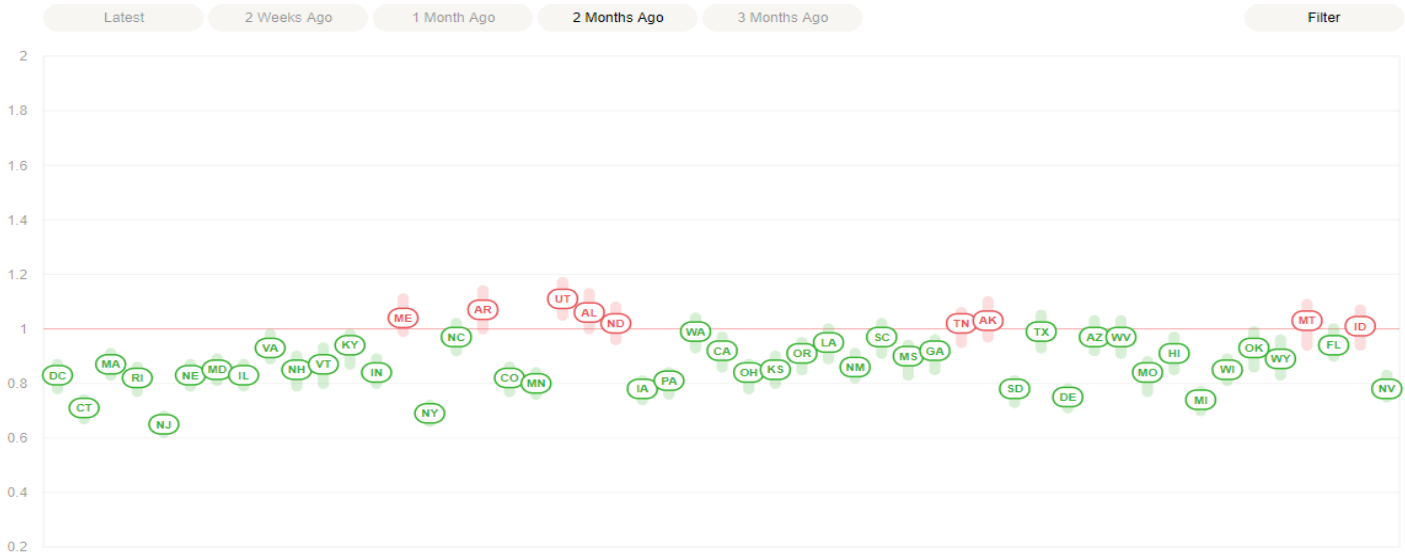

It's below 1 but climbing. Perhaps that's why Gov Murphy stop indoor dining from starting.

From the same site we can look at all 50 states. 13 states with R_t under one.
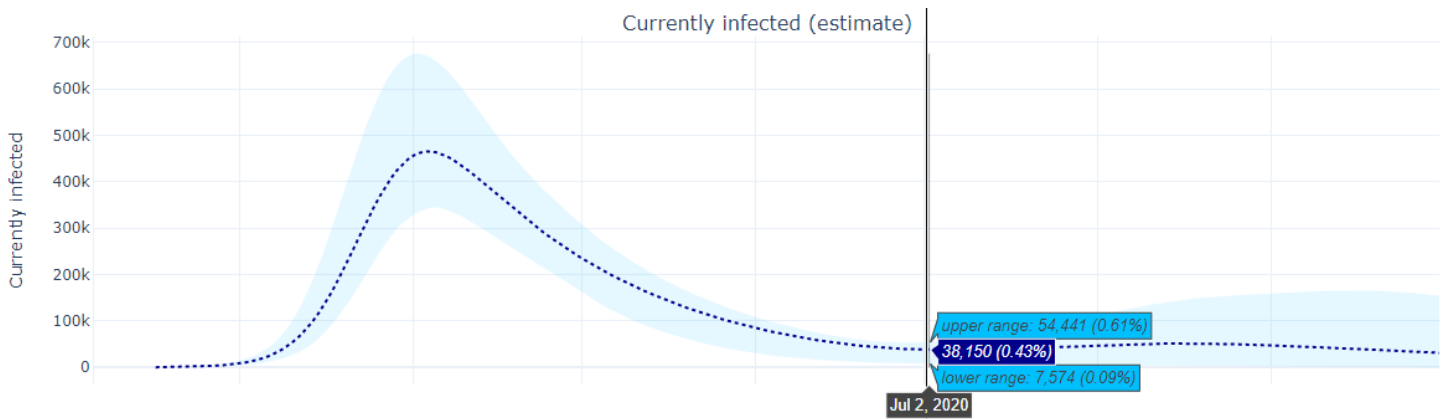
Two weeks ago it was 14 states. A month ago it was 20. Look at two months ago.

41 states. The country is moving in the wrong direction. Looking for quick fixes. I again say wearing masks would go a long way towards moving us to where we belong.

Ok that's the bad news. The good news comes from https://covid19-projections.com/us-nj.

It shows an estimate of currently infected people to be 0.43% of the NJ population and only shows a slight rise peaking in mid-August. Let's hope that's correct.