



TOWNSHIP of HOLMDEL

COVID-19 Update
December 23, 2020

Message from Mayor Buontempo:

Good evening. This is Mayor Greg Buontempo.

Holmdel Township currently has **164 new COVID-19 cases since the beginning of December**. As of today, the Township has crossed the 700 case threshold for the first time with a cumulative total of **708 positive COVID-19 cases**. Our numbers continue to rise, so I ask that you all remain vigilant and do your part to help keep our community safe.

On a positive note, our local hospital, Bayshore Medical Center continues to vaccinate its medical staff and is reporting that the acuity for this wave has been notably lower than the first wave with few patients requiring Intensive Care. I am also happy to report that Bayshore was recently awarded an A grade and Top General Hospital designation from the nonprofit Leapfrog Group organization. They are the only hospital to receive this designation in the State. We hope to partner with the Bayshore team to roll out the vaccine to Holmdel residents once it becomes available to the general public.

With the Christmas holiday upon us, I encourage you to follow all state and CDC guidelines, including limiting the size of your holiday celebrations, avoiding non-essential travel, and receiving a PCR COVID-19 test if you have a close contact or must travel outside of New Jersey. As of right now, the overwhelming majority of Holmdel's cases are occurring in residential settings, so it's a good idea to restrict gatherings to members of the same household where possible.

If you have any questions or feedback, you can always contact me at mayor@holmdeltownship.com.

I wish all Holmdel residents a very Merry Christmas! And as always, stay healthy and stay safe. Goodnight.