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Livingston, NJ

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December 20, 2021 Township Council Meeting Cancelled Due to Public Health Concerns

The Township Council meeting scheduled for tonight, December 20, 2021 is cancelled due to public health and safety concerns associated with the recent significant increase in COVID-19 cases. After steady progress and lower case totals, together with the successful acquisition and implementation of the necessary technology, the Township Council two weeks ago decided to return to an in person Council meeting for tonight, with the ability to live stream the meeting in real time for public viewing. However, public participation would have to be in person through attendance at the meeting.

Unfortunately, in the last two weeks, and even more so in the last few days, the number of new COVID cases in New Jersey has exploded, as evidenced in the graphic below from the N.Y. Times. The most recent three-day (December 17, 18 and 19) average number of new cases was 7,462 cases per day, or nearly double the average from just a week ago. Importantly, the number of new cases on each of the past three days were among the five highest one-day totals since the onset of the pandemic.

Under these circumstances, the Township Council could not justify holding the in person meeting and requiring the public to attend to participate, particularly with matters of significant public interest on the Agenda. Unfortunately, due to strict notice provisions imposed by New Jersey statutes, specifically the Open Public Meetings Act, the Township cannot simply change to an online meeting format and any such change requires advance publication in advance of the meeting date.

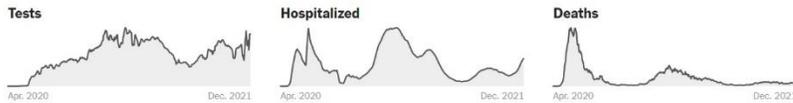
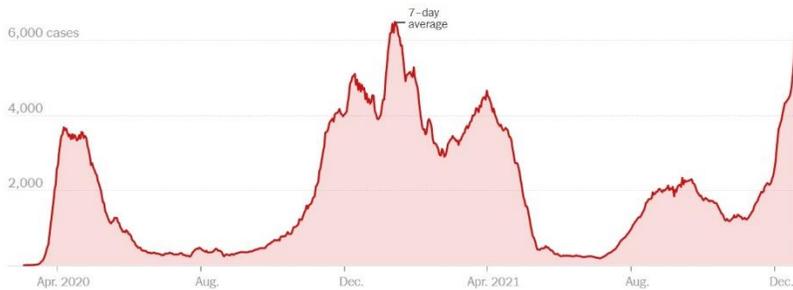
With the meeting tonight cancelled, all matters listed on meeting agenda will be deferred to one or more future meetings with all required legal notices being provided. While the cancellation is regrettable, the Mayor and Council know that this decision is necessary and in the best interest of the public health and safety. The Township Council wishes the entire community a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Tracking Coronavirus in New Jersey: Latest Map and Case Count

Updated Dec. 19, 2021

New reported cases

All time Last 90 days



	DAILY AVG. ON DEC. 19	14-DAY CHANGE	TOTAL REPORTED
Cases	6,039	+66%	1,345,717
Tests	53,063	+38%	—
Hospitalized	1,839	+57%	—
Deaths	20	+17%	28,714

[About this data](#)

Vaccinations

AT LEAST ONE DOSE FULLY VACCINATED



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Mask mandates and guidance

As of Dec. 15, 2021

The New York Times is tracking mask policies at the state level, including current federal guidance by county and where leaders are rejecting such guidance or mandates. [Read more here >](#)

- Masks are recommended indoors by state officials.
- Masks are mandated in schools for all students by state officials.