

Borough of Wanaque

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Dear Fellow Residents,

We are now seeing a spike in Covid-19 cases in North Jersey. Here in Wanaque we already have 18 positive cases in October as compared to an average of only 6 positive cases per month from June through September. Prior to June 1, Wanaque had almost 300 positive cases from the inception of the virus, with almost half being associated with the nursing homes. Of the 18 cases in October, all are persons age 21 and over and everyone tested positive is in quarantine.

There has been a larger Covid-19 spike in Ringwood, which includes Ringwood students at Lakeland High School. As a result, Lakeland High School has ceased in-class teaching and has gone virtual until November 9th. At that time, a decision will be made by the Lakeland Board of Education regarding the re-opening of the school.

At this writing, there have been no positive cases reported at our two elementary schools, and they are continuing to operate under in-class procedures implemented at the beginning of the school year.

With Halloween approaching, it is the responsibility of every parent to make certain their children are safe. Even though the risk of spreading this disease is less outdoors, the risk still exists and everyone should be very cautious. I have attached some general Halloween Guidelines which should be followed. Please remember that there is a 9 PM curfew. We must all continue being extremely vigilant in maintaining social distancing and wearing a face covering when in public.

Lastly, Election Day is November 3rd. All registered voters should have received a Mail-In Ballot. If you have not done so yet, I would highly recommend that you complete your Mail-In Ballot as soon as possible and bring it to the drop box at the entrance of Town Hall. Mail-In Ballots will be counted by scanners at the Passaic County election office and are monitored by an equal number of representatives from both major political parties. In person voting will only be by a provisional ballot which is subject to a lengthy verification process. If you have not received a Mail-In Ballot, please contact the Passaic County Clerk at 973-881-4127, or you can visit the Passaic County satellite office here in Wanaque. That information is on the Borough Website and the Passaic County website.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dan Mahler