

# Borough of Wanaque

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Dear Fellow Residents,

The spike in Covid-19 cases that we saw in the last three weeks of October has increased in the first three weeks of November. After averaging only 6 positive cases a month from June through the first week of October, Wanaque had 20 positive cases from October 9<sup>th</sup> to the end of the month. This was followed by an additional 48 positive cases during the first 20 days of November.

These November cases now include school aged children. Our two Boards of Education have addressed these issues and have taken appropriate actions.

Due to these cases, Wanaque Recreation has postponed the start of winter sports. These programs have not been cancelled, but their start has been delayed pending the future status of the Covid-19 situation.

On the state level, the Governor announced that statewide there were over 4,000 new positive Covid-19 cases per day last week. The second wave is rolling in, as predicted.

Now with the first two drug companies announcing vaccines and other drug companies soon to follow, we may be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. However, these vaccines may not be available to the public for several months. Meanwhile, our short term goal must be to limit the impact of this second wave. To do this we must all continue being extremely vigilant in keeping social distances at all times, wearing face coverings in public and staying home as much as possible.

With Thanksgiving this week, it is very important that we all stay home and celebrate with just the immediate family members who live in your house. This year we must all avoid those large family gatherings that we all look forward to each year. An unknowingly infected friend or relative can unintentionally pass on the virus. Don't take the risk.

Passaic County has free testing sites which are now available three days per week. Visit [www.passaiccountynj.org/government/departments/health](http://www.passaiccountynj.org/government/departments/health) then click on Covid Testing for details.

Updated information will continue to be posted regularly on the Wanaque Borough web site at [www.wanaqueborough.com](http://www.wanaqueborough.com) and also on the Wanaque Municipal Facebook page and Wanaque Police Facebook page.

We all must work together and be diligent in our efforts to stop the second wave of the COVID-19 virus.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dan Mahler