

Memorandum



To: Medford Leas Residents and Staff
From: Jeremy Vickers, CEO
Date: November 18, 2022
Re: Community Update

I am pleased to share the following Community Update.

CURRENT COVID-19 INFORMATION

Statewide, COVID-19 Community Levels (Fig 1) are largely at medium levels with a few more counties now at low levels. Burlington County remains unchanged at a medium level. Therefore, masks will remain optional for employees in the Community Building next week.

The Burlington County Community Transmission Level (Fig 2) remains at a high level. Therefore, we will continue twice weekly testing on all staff who are not up-to-date with their COVID-19 immunizations next week.

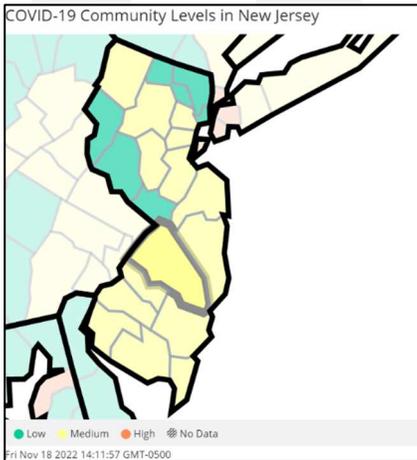


Fig 1

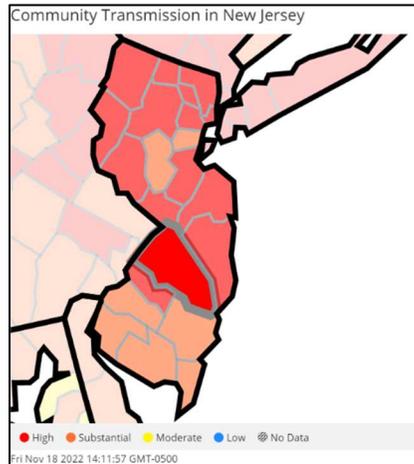


Fig 2

Medford Leas Coronavirus Cases – This week, we have 6 new COVID cases to report, consisting of 5 new reportable residents and 1 new reportable staff member. The grid below, reflects the Medford Leas cases since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020.

Medford Leas Cumulative COVID-19 Report				
As of November 18, 2022				
Type	Total Cases	Active Cases	Resolved	Deaths
Resident	76	5	66	5
Staff	136	1	135	0
Total	212	6	201	5

**Non-State Reportable Cases (i.e., non-AL or Woolman): 42 Staff and 56 Residents*

Ongoing Recommendations - The COVID-19 Task Force recommends the following:

- Get fully-immunized and boosted, if not already
- Wear a face covering/mask in public
- Practice social distancing
- Wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based sanitizer

Symptomatic Residents - Residents who are not feeling well should stay home and check in with the Wellness Center. Wellness has test kits and will test symptomatic residents. Any resident that receives a positive test result outside of Medford Leas should isolate themselves at home and report their test results to Wellness.

Symptomatic Staff – Staff who are experiencing COVID-like symptoms should notify their supervisor and attempt to get a COVID rapid test so that they may return to work. We do not accept results from home tests for return to work. Staff may request a rapid test in the Wellness Center parking lot if they cannot obtain a rapid test on their own.

***New* Bivalent Vaccine Clinics for Staff** – We will host additional clinics for staff on Thursday, December 1st and Friday, December 2nd from 1:00 – 4:00 pm in the Cypress Room (outside of the entrance to Woolman). Staff can pre-register for either clinic starting Monday, November 21st at the Reception Desk.

As a reminder, any residents or staff who get a bivalent vaccination outside of Medford Leas should bring a copy of their updated Vaccination card to HR/Wellness.

Staff Testing – In conformance with NJDOH guidelines, we are testing immunocompromised staff and staff age 50 and over who are not “up-to-date.” Furthermore, we plan to expand testing to all staff who are not “up to date” as of December 1st. The state has asked us to continue our current testing program while they assess the new CDC guidance regarding testing of asymptomatic staff.

Masks – We continue to recommend, but not require, staff and residents to wear masks while in the Community Building. Staff, residents and visitors are still required to wear masks in the Estaugh, Haddon, and Woolman buildings (including the ground floor) at all times.

OTHER CAMPUS NEWS

***New* Flu Shots** – Flu shots are recommended for residents and mandatory for staff. The deadline for all staff to receive a flu shot was November 15th. Anyone not in compliance with the flu shot will be taken off work schedules starting Monday, November 21st.

Route 70 Entrance – Work continues on the Route 70 Entrance, which will be closed for the duration of the 5-month project (estimated completion January 2023). We are discouraging people from visiting this area because it is very congested. We have been told that the contractor has made arrangements with the owners of the former Indian Chief to utilize that parking lot as a staging area for when sections of the new bridge are delivered.

Phase I Terrace Project - Work is progressing on the new Terrace, slated to open in December.

***New* Phase II Projects** – We have started Phase II work, as follows:

- Asbestos abatement for Phase II has been completed in the Community Building and continues in the Estaugh breezeway
- We have completed all of the necessary preparations for contractors to move the data lines from the existing Estaugh breezeway. We are planning for a possible limited network outage when these lines are moved and reconnected.

***New* Nature Center and Berm Parking** – Work has commenced to remove debris from the Nature Center and the main contractor will be onsite as early as next week to begin stake outs and installation of silt fencing. A memo was sent to all staff this week regarding staff parking options for the period of time that the Berm parking will be closed.

Courtyard Walkway Improvements

- Contractors have completed the replacement of the siding and sliders (with the exception of one window which is on backorder) on the three walkways off parking lot G leading to Courts 23, 24 and 28
- Work will commence on the walkway siding off parking lot D, leading to Courts 14, 15 and 18 in the coming weeks
- Sidewalk repairs leading to Court 17 has begun. The replacement sidewalk from parking lot D to Court 15 continues.

***New* Rushmore** – The installation of new foundation plantings at Rushmore is now complete.

Ground Floor Woolman – The hallway leading to the South Courts will be getting a “refresh” in the coming weeks. This work includes new wallpaper, carpet and fixtures. We will work with the contractor to minimize any disruptions and will keep you posted should we need to close the hallway to traffic.



Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday there will not be a Community Update next week!