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River Vale COVID-19 Update

As you are likely aware, COVID-19 cases have increased across the state over the past several weeks. As of today, we have 153 cumulative confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Township of River Vale. The number of cases by town can be checked anytime at the [County of Bergen COVID-19](#) webpage. While we have made significant progress containing the spread of the virus, it is essential to remain vigilant and not slide backward with our efforts.

Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission, River Vale's health services provider, reports that recent surges of cases in New Jersey have been primarily linked to indoor gatherings. Many people assume that the younger population is considered to be "immune" or only exhibit mild symptoms if they get the virus. While that may be the case with some, it is not true for all. More than 61,000 children in the U.S. were diagnosed with COVID-19 last week — more than in any other week during the pandemic. Additionally, COVID-19 may significantly affect family members or friends who have medical issues, causing severe illness or even death. Unfortunately, the virus can also spread from person to person while the carrier shows little or no symptoms. Please keep this in mind when planning the upcoming Thanksgiving and religious holidays.

Like the River Vale Public Schools, who are limiting the use of facilities to basic daily operations in order to allow sufficient time and effort to clean and disinfect between uses, the Township needs the same consideration for the River Vale Senior/Community Center and other Township facilities.

Due to these on-going safety concerns, along with the recent increase in cases, Township-sponsored indoor winter sports, recreation programs and events are suspended until further notice. This includes River Vale Basketball, Rabies Clinic, Hanukkah Menorah Lighting, Christmas Tree Lighting and Mayor's Wellness Programs. We hope to be able to re-visit this decision for the new year.

Please make sure to continue to use face masks and practice social distancing. It has also been noted that some transmissions were a likely result of transport in a motor vehicle. While not recommended, if you do travel in a car with someone outside of your household, it is essential to wear a mask and use proper ventilation. As such, we discourage carpooling at this time.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. The [COVID-19 webpage](#) on www.rivervalenj.org has additional resources and information pertaining to the pandemic, if needed.