

# ***NEWS RELEASE***

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## **Two More COVID-19 Cases Identified in Warren County**

### **More Than 700 Positive Cases Identified in New Jersey**

Two additional positive cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Warren County. A 74-year-old male from Phillipsburg is hospitalized in Warren County and a 73-year-old male resident of Hackettstown was treated at a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospital and is recuperating at home.

“We understand the concern of Warren County residents in this rapidly evolving situation,” said Pete Summers, Warren County Health Officer. “We are asking the public’s help in taking steps to limit the spread of the virus,” he added.

The Warren County Health Department is encouraging residents to practice social distancing, which includes avoiding crowded public places, maintaining about 6 feet of distance from others when possible, and practicing good hand washing and proper respiratory hygiene such as covering all coughs and sneezes.

Avoid close contact with those who are sick and if you become sick, stay away from others. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Some people are at higher risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19. These include adults over 65 years old or people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility. Also at higher risk are people who have serious medical conditions including heart or lung disease, diabetes, cancer, or who may be immunocompromised. If you are at higher risk due to a serious medical condition, especially which is uncontrolled, stay home and away from other people.

Patients with COVID-19 have reported mild to severe symptoms, which may occur 2-14 days after being exposed. The symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If you are sick, or think you have been exposed to COVID-19, call your doctor before visiting so that they can protect themselves and other patients from the spread of disease. Please be sure to mention any recent travel history.

New Jersey Department of Health is now partnering with New Jersey 2-1-1 to provide information to the public on COVID-19. If you have questions about COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or text NJCOVID to 898-211 for updates. Additionally, accurate and updated information can be found on the CDC's Coronavirus website at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/) or from NJDOH at [www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml).

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Warren County Health Department at 908-475-7960.

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