

As of today, Gloucester County has 1,555 positive cases and 5,212 negative tests of COVID-19. Pitman currently has had 27 confirmed cases with men and women ranging in age from 23 to 91 years old with one death of an 85 year old male.

\*The next County drive up testing site at Rowan College of South Jersey on Tanyard Road, Sewell will be offered on Thursday May 14th. Residents 18 and older with symptoms of COVID-19 must call (856) 218-4142 starting tomorrow, Friday, May 8, 2020, at 8:30am to be prescreened. Please have your insurance information available when you call. Once prescreened an appointment time will be scheduled.

\*After much deliberation, the Pitman Garden Club has decided to postpone the 2020 Pitman Garden Tour until 2021. Clearly this was not an easy decision for the club, but there are simply too many uncertainties with closures and social distancing due to the Public Health Emergency Declaration for an event planned for June 13<sup>th</sup>. The Borough of Pitman thanks the members of the Pitman Garden Club for their efforts in keeping our community beautiful and looks forward to the next garden tour in 2021.

\*Accompanying this post, please find some newly presented information from the CDC and EPA on cleaning and disinfecting homes, businesses and public spaces.

\*The NJ Department of Labor has created a how-to guide to walk claimants through the questions presented when applying for unemployment. The how-to guide pops up whenever claimants certify for weekly benefits online, and requires them to check a box verifying that they have read the guide. Guidance and the how-to guide are located on the department's website at <https://myunemployment.nj.gov/labor/myunemployment/covidinstructions.shtml>. The department urges everyone to read the guide before certifying for benefits.

\*From [NJ211.org](http://NJ211.org)...Uncertainty and concern for our own health and livelihood, along with the well-being of those we love and our community at large is a very stressful thing to live with. If you are struggling with anxiety, depression, anger, grief or feeling overwhelmed; or you know someone who is suffering in this way, look to the state's mental health page at <https://www.nj211.org/covid-19-and-mental-health> for resources that can help. The State has included many helplines and hotlines, resources that will help you connect with people you can talk with about how you are feeling as well as virtual support groups that are being held.

Stay well,

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