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COVID-19 Update

Montville Township, along with the rest of the county, state, nation, and around the world, experienced record-high number of new COVID-19 cases during this recent fall/winter surge. As has also been seen in other areas, the number of new cases in the Township has recently decreased significantly, which is encouraging news. This decrease in new cases allowed Health Department staff to follow up on and close out a number of open cases that had been investigated and were ready to be closed.

Also encouraging is the number of people who are actively seeking to get vaccinated against COVID-19. While vaccine is still very limited compared to the number of people who are qualified to receive it, increasing amounts of vaccine are being sent to the state each week. And, in addition to the increasing amount of vaccines that are already being administered, new vaccines are also in the approval process and being manufactured, and still others are being tested in clinical trials and may become available.

This is encouraging news on both fronts. However, to keep the number of new cases as low as possible for as long as possible, the Township encourages our community to continue to follow established COVID-19 safety guidelines, including:

- Wearing an effective and correctly worn face covering around those outside your household
- Keeping at least 6 feet of distance from those outside your household
- Following good respiratory etiquette: coughing/sneezing into elbows, not hands or tissues
- Washing hands often with soap and hot water, rubbing with soap for at least 20 seconds
- Using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer after washing hands, or if soap/water are not available
- Reducing hand contact with your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Avoiding those who have any symptoms of illness
- Staying home if you feel unwell, and contacting your healthcare provider for guidance
- Following recommended testing, quarantine, and isolation guidance
- Answering calls from case investigators/contact tracers and assisting their efforts
- Obtaining a COVID-19 vaccination as soon as one is available