

Murphy imposes new restrictions

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at that point," he said. "We are taking surgical steps that we hope will mitigate the current increasing rate of spread. No one up here wants to take the broad and all-encompassing measures like we had to take in March."

He and state Health Commissioner Judy Persichilli realize people are tired of the restrictions, but called for continued caution.

"We have to shake off the pandemic fatigue I know we all feel and we have to get back to the mindset that saw us crush the curve in the spring," Murphy said.

"Let's focus on the next six months. We have a six-month window to beat the fatigue back and beat the virus into the ground," he

added.

COVID-19 vaccine

Persichilli said Pfizer announced Monday that the vaccine it has in development may be more than 90 percent effective and that it would seek emergency use authorization from the Food and Drug Administration.

She said with work on vaccines moving forward quickly, also vital is boosting confidence in vaccines among health care professionals. "We need our health care heroes ... to get vaccinated to protect their patients and families," she said.

Persichilli said an October survey showed significant concern among those professionals about potential vaccines. The survey revealed 66 percent of doctors would

likely take the vaccine when it is developed, but only 47 percent of nurses.

"Science and vaccine safety were the top concerns among these health care professionals," Persichilli said. She noted they would be more likely to get the vaccine once there is proven efficacy.

Murphy noted he talked to Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and that he reported a realistic time frame for a broad distribution of a vaccine is April-May and that it wouldn't be broadly distributed if it is not properly vetted and tested.

"He said we're in a six-month race to the finish line," Murphy said. "We're a sprint for the next six months. Do the right thing."

Sen. Booker calls for federal action

"This is the fourth largest mass casualty event in American history," Booker said of the COVID-19 pandemic, saying "it demands a big response. We cannot play it small."

Booker said the House of Representatives passed the Heroes Act six months ago to get the virus under control, including extending unemployment relief and eviction protection, aid to businesses, more funding for states and municipalities, and making sure institutions and families have what they need to meet the crisis.

Booker said he hopes this is not going to be held up in the Senate by GOP Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. "It is my hope that we now

put politics aside and work for the people ... COVID relief to our communities cannot be a partisan issue. We cannot yield to partisan

gridlock. We must focus on getting something significant done."

He said waiting until January means more lives lost.

County voters back GOP

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Van Drew said in his own release. "The United States of America is an exceptional nation and I will continue to work with anyone willing to put party aside to fight for a strong America and a strong south Jersey."

Kennedy conceded the race Friday evening.

"While this is obviously not the result that I was hoping for, my fight for the people of south Jersey does not end tonight," Kennedy said. "I decided to run for Congress almost a year ago, because south Jersey is my home. It has been my family's home for four generations, and I want future generations of my family, and all of our families, to be able to call it their home as well."

"I believe that south Jersey can build back better. I believe everyone here deserves better-paying jobs, affordable health care, and

a strong, diverse economy," she added. "I believe that south Jersey's working families deserve the protections they need and the benefits they have earned. And, I believe children born anywhere in the district, regardless of the color of their skin, deserve equal access to opportunity and justice."

National elections

Although President-elect Joe Biden carried New Jersey easily, Cape May County gave the majority of votes to incumbent President Donald Trump by a wide margin, though not as large as it voted for Van Drew.

According to the Cape May County Clerk's Office, Trump received 31,498 votes to Biden's 22,713.

Results were similar in the U.S. Senate race. Incumbent Democrat Cory Booker handily won New Jersey. Cape May County gave him 21,773 votes but gave his

GOP opponent, Rik Mehta, 29,868.

Cape May County Sheriff Bob Nolan and Clerk Rita Marie Fulginiti were unopposed. Nolan got 38,633 votes and Fulginiti earned 40,387.

Freeholders re-elected

Incumbent Freeholders Will Morey and Jeffrey Pierson easily won re-election, getting 30,724 and 29,837 votes, respectively.

Their Democratic challengers, Elizabeth Casey and Brendan Sciarra, received 19,855 and 19,975, respectively.

Cape May County's registration favors Republicans by a large margin and the last Democrat elected to the freeholder board was Van Drew more than two decades ago.

There are 31,306 registered Republicans in the county but only 18,711 registered Democrats. There are 25,419 unaffiliated voters.

Ballot questions

New Jersey voters approved all three statewide ballot questions, including legalizing marijuana, providing a tax break for veterans and allowing a delay in redistricting based on when the census is finished.

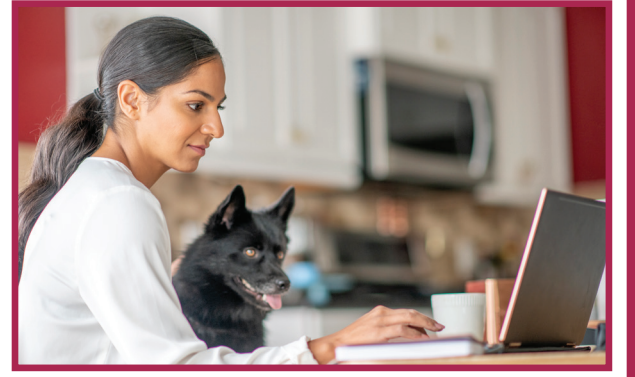
Cape May County voted nearly two to one for marijuana legalization, 34,333 to 18,067, and nearly four to one for the tax break for veterans, 40,387 to 11,480.

The vote for the redistricting change was close, 25,803 in favor against 24,048 opposed.

Question one, which passed in the state by a nearly two-to-one margin, legalizes the recreational use of marijuana for persons 21 and older and legalizes the growing, processing and sale of retail marijuana.

Question two makes peacetime veterans eligible for a \$250 property tax deduction.

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Restaurants close due to coronavirus

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CAPE MAY — Three restaurants in Cape May have closed temporarily due to employees testing positive for COVID-19.

FiNS Bar & Grille announced its closure Nov. 2 and was scheduled to reopen on Nov. 7.

"We have just been informed a member of our staff has tested positive for COVID-19. For the health and safety of our guests, team members and community we will be closed. We are following health department protocol as far as employee testing and restaurant sanitation," the restaurant owners stated on Facebook.

Tisha's Fine Dining announced Nov. 4 that a "team member" had been diagnosed with COVID-19.

"We are now in the process of following all state and local CDC guidelines on cleaning of the restaurant and testing of the remaining staff members," Tisha's owners stated on Facebook. The restaurant closed Nov. 4 to begin the process.

Exit Zero Filling Station announced Nov. 4 that an employee tested positive for COVID-19.

"As a result, we have closed the Filling Station with immediate effect

while we arrange testing and cleaning and establish any necessary quarantine protocols. We will let you know when we are ready to reopen," owners announced on Facebook.

On Oct. 23, Harry's Ocean Bar & Grille announced an employee had tested positive for COVID-19. The restaurant closed for cleaning and testing of staff members and reopened Oct. 28.

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14	6:42	7:02	12:08	12:48
15	7:31	7:54	12:56	1:41
16	8:20	8:46	1:45	2:34
17	9:11	9:39	2:34	3:28
18	10:03	10:35	3:26	4:23

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