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House of the week

Cape May, N.J.

Wednesday, July 8, 2020
$1.00

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CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE — There is nearly double the number of COVID-19 cases in Cape May County compared to the number of cases a month ago, and beach density is being cut by the county’s Beach Patrol, according to its new commander, Lifeguard Chief Geoff Rife.

Rife, who is also a paramedic, said that more than 75 cases of COVID-19 had been reported in the county since the start of July, as compared to just above one new case for the mid-June of 0.70, or less than one new person infected for every 100 people. The transmission rate is how the rate of spread of the virus is determined based on the number of people infected by each person infected. A rate above one means the virus is spreading, with each person infecting more than one other person. A rate below one means the virus is being brought under control, with each person infecting fewer than one other person.