Lower expenses counter lost revenue in Cape May

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Active COVID-19 cases rose almost 50 percent in Upper Township not far behind.

According to the Cape May County Department of Health, the active cases among county residents had risen to 176 as of Monday, Nov. 2, down from 203 cases on Oct. 19.

There were an additional nine cases in long-term care facilities, though no new non-respondents.

On Monday, the Health Department reported 19 new cases in Avalon, Cape May County's highest single-day total, followed by eight active cases among non-residents. Two in non-respondents and four in long-term care, compared to the total of 21 new cases a week ago.

Health Department Special Counsel Kevin Wildes said that there were 38 active cases in Lower Township, 33 in Ocean City, 23 in Lower Township, 14 in North Wildwood, five in Little Egg Harbor and one each in the two non-respondents in Wildwood City (plus one non-resident), Wildwood (plus two non-residents), Sea Isle City (plus one non-resident), Wildwood Crest (plus one non-resident), Lower Township (plus one non-resident), and Cape May, respectively.

Based on data from other state that have legalized marijuana, it does draw economic revenue. Marijuana sales increase crime because people who are required to have a lot of money on the streets to support themselves.

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Young said the city probably would take advantage of that if the Water/Sewer is working, Chief Young said the city is down $200,000 in revenue, it is $6.8 million left, as of Sept. 30.

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