County COVID cases up nine-fold since August

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Cape May, N.J. — Daily COVID-19 case counts have risen steadily in Cape May County. Case numbers have tripled steadily from the end of July through the end of October, and spiked even more on November 18. The past week, the county Department of Health reported five new fatalities and 184 active cases as of Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, the highest weekly sunny in the county in the past year.

Reviewing the statistics over the past week, the results and almost 2,000 infected cases are soaring. Murphy said, noting that only 10 percent of COVID-19 cases have required hospitalization to date, while 1.5 percent of COVID-19 cases are hospitalized with critical care needs.

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