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**A Statement from Mayor Barry Conaway on Burlington City's Escalating COVID-19
Case Numbers**

We have been notified by the Burlington County Health Department that Burlington City has experienced escalating numbers in the COVID-19 case count. As we enter the holiday season, we now anticipate increased risk associated with celebrations and gatherings of friends and families.

During these challenging times – as we work with the Burlington County Health Department to address COVID-19 impacts – health and safety continues to be top priorities. Therefore, I encourage you to protect and care for yourself and those around you by following the best practices of social distancing, staying home whenever possible, washing hands frequently, and wearing a nose-mouth covering in public, as recommended by Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

I know we are all exhausted after eight months of restrictions, but please do not underestimate the seriousness of COVID-19 and let your guard down even for short periods. I implore each and every member of our community to exercise the personal discipline needed to prevent the heartbreak of unnecessary sickness and loss of life and to reduce the demands on our first responders and medical system.

Every indication tells us that this will continue to be a long road and that things will get even worse this year before they get better in 2021, but we will get through this together.

Reach out and contact a friend or family member we have not spoken to for a while, and look for other ways to support and care for one another during this critical time.

To learn where you can receive a free COVID-19 test at home or at a testing site near you, please visit the following links: www.homecovidtest.org and www.covid19.nj.gov.