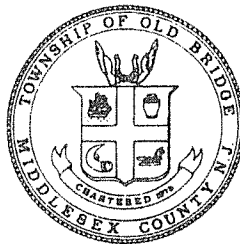


OWEN HENRY
MAYOR



MIDDLESEX COUNTY, N.J.

TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE

January 28, 2021

The Hon. Judith M. Persichilli, R.N., B.S.N., M.A.
Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Health
55 North Willow Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

Dear Commissioner Persichilli;

The State of New Jersey and Middlesex County understands that Old Bridge Township was listed as one of the top five hotspots for COVID-19 cases in Middlesex County. Also, Old Bridge is one of the largest community's in the County. Repeated requests have been made to both agencies to establish COVID-19 testing as well as a vaccination site in Old Bridge. The failure to establish both a COVID-19 testing and vaccination site in our community, greatly impacted by COVID-19 is an injustice to the most vulnerable population of residents, our senior citizens.

I am also concerned about the state of New Jersey's vaccination registration system. A registration system that is difficult to navigate and when fortunate enough to receive an appointment, Old Bridge residents must travel a significant distance to have the vaccine administered. Furthermore, a system that failed to schedule second dose appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations. Our office has been inundated by calls from irate and frustrated residents regarding this system.

We have not wavered in our commitment to do all that we can at the local level to ensure the health and well-being of our residents, with or without the assistance from the State or the County. To that end, we shall continue to operate a COVID-19 testing site in Old Bridge. Furthermore, we again offer any assistance necessary to begin vaccinating Old Bridge residents. An existing site is prepared and staffing is available to administer vaccinations immediately.

The state of New Jersey must reconsider establishing a vaccination site in Old Bridge and immediately improve the state's registration system. The lives of our residents here in Old Bridge are too important not to address these matters. I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future regarding my concerns.

Sincerely,

Mayor Owen Henry

Cc: Governor Phil Murphy
12th District Legislators
Middlesex County Commissioner Director