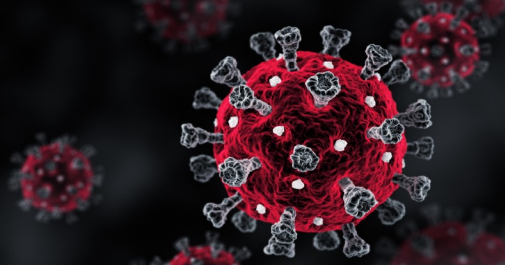


Vax Matters



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News

Vaccination Events Set in Millville, Irvington, AC

NJDOH's Mobile Command Center large blue buses will be at several upcoming free vaccination clinics.

The Pfizer (ages 12+), Moderna (18+) and J&J (18+) vaccines will be available.

You do not need to show ID, documentation or proof of insurance, and no appointments are needed.

In Irvington:

- Sept. 28: 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Maple Gardens Apartments, 20 Marshall St.
- Sept. 30: 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Irvington Housing Authority, 624 Nye Ave.
- Oct. 2: 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Maple Gardens Apartments, 20 Marshall St.
- Oct. 3: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., 40th Street Park, 40th St.
- Oct. 5: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Irvington High School, 1253 Clinton Ave.
- Oct. 7: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Veterans Monument Park, Springfield Ave.

In Millville:

- Sept. 28: 12 p.m. to 7 p.m., Memorial High School (maintenance garage parking lot), 625 North 7th St.
- Sept. 30: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Millville Public Library (parking lot), 210 Buck St.

In Atlantic City:

- Oct. 13: 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., All Wars Memorial, 1510 Adriatic Ave.
- Oct. 14: 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., New Shiloh Baptist Church, 701 Atlantic Ave.

NJ Vaccinators Begin Administering Booster Doses of Pfizer Vaccine

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) has directed the state's vaccination sites to begin administering booster doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to certain groups at least six months after their primary series following recommendations by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).



Videos from nurses stress the importance of getting vaccinated and #NoGoingBackNJ. Story on page 2.

Specifically, the CDC recommends:

- People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings should receive a booster shot.
- People aged 50–64 years old with underlying medical conditions should receive a booster shot.
- People aged 18–49 years old with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster shot of Pfizer, based on their individual benefits and risks.
- People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional settings may receive a booster shot, based on their individual benefits and risks.

There are over 1,600 vaccination sites across New Jersey – more than 1,000 of which offer the Pfizer vaccine. Many sites have walk-in availability and extended hours.

To find a vaccination site and book an appointment online, visit covid19.nj.gov/finder or call the state's Vaccine Call Center at 1-855-568-0545.

NJDOH's efforts also include homebound individuals. Individuals who received Pfizer can reach out directly to their local health department or complete the intake form at covid19.nj.gov/homeboundvax. For assistance completing the survey by phone, please contact the call center.

People who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines are not yet eligible for the booster shots authorized by the federal government.

In a statement, CDC Director Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky said the CDC “will also evaluate with similar urgency available data in the coming weeks to swiftly make additional recommendations for other populations or people who got the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines.”

Long-term care facilities continue to be a top priority.

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Vaccination Progress

- ◆ 11.6M+ vaccine doses administered in N.J.
- ◆ 5.8M+ fully vaccinated people



Find the latest pop-up and mobile vaccination events at covid19.nj.gov/communitycalendar.

Healthcare Workers Share Impact of COVID-19 in #NoGoingBackNJ Videos

NJDOH has partnered with New Jersey hospitals on a series of videos, #NoGoingBackNJ, with healthcare personnel aimed at encouraging COVID-19 vaccination through their personal stories.

Hospitals have submitted videos of nurses candidly describing the impacts of COVID-19 on hospital staff and urging residents to get vaccinated if they have not already.

In the videos, nurses relive some of the darkest days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some of them contracted COVID-19 themselves while caring for patients.

One nurse from Penn Medicine Princeton Health recalls making end-of-life decisions

with one woman's family via FaceTime.

During the call, the sick woman's 4-year-old son asked, "When is my mommy coming home?"

A nurse from Ocean Medical Center had to break the news to his close friend that the man's father, a patient on a ventilator in his unit, would not survive. He held up an iPad so his friend could say goodbye to his father.

Other nurses share personal stories of why they got vaccinated, including one nurse from Southern Ocean Medical Center who got vaccinated while she was pregnant to protect herself and her baby.

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As part of its booster dose planning, the Health Department required every long-term care facility to complete a survey to ensure they have a vaccination partner and have scheduled a vaccination clinic.

Long-term care facilities have 30 days from the date boosters were authorized to hold a first-round booster clinic.

Recent progress in 12-17 vaccination
As of Sep 23, 2021

~400K
12-17 year olds have been vaccinated overall

~59%
Vaccination coverage in the State of New Jersey for 12-17 year olds overall

~90K
12-17 year olds vaccinated in New Jersey¹ since August 2nd, 2021

14%
Increase in 12-17 vaccination rate across New Jersey² since August 2nd, 2021

200+
Vaccination events held across New Jersey for 12-17 year olds

1. Defined as increase in individuals with first doses; vaccinated people include NJ residents in NJ and NJ residents vaccinated out of state
2. Defined as individuals with at least one dose; vaccinated people include NJ residents in NJ and NJ residents vaccinated out of state
Source: Tiberius, Q4 Experian, NJIS

For example: 29pp increase in Trenton, 24pp increase in Newark, 27pp increase in Elizabeth¹ for vaccination coverage for 12-17 year olds since August 2nd

Executive Order Sets Vaccine or Testing Mandate for Child-Care Workers

All child-care personnel are now required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by November 1 or be subject to weekly testing, under Executive Order 264 signed recently by Governor Murphy.

In addition, effective Friday, Sept. 24, and in accordance with CDC recommendations, all employees, visitors, students and children ages 2 and over must wear face masks indoors with limited exceptions.

The requirements are aimed at strengthening protections against COVID-19 to children in these settings who are under age

12 and currently ineligible for vaccination.

Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks or more after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine.

If a worker has not submitted proof by November 1 that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, the worker will be required to submit to a minimum of once to twice weekly testing.

COVID-19 Resources

NJDOH's COVID-19 resource page has numerous **flyers, infographics and FAQs** – many in several languages – on all aspects of COVID-19 vaccination and the virus that can be downloaded for your use and to share.

[Check them out.](#)

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