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2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019) Weekly Update #66 – March 4, 2021

Bernards Township COVID-19 Testing

See below information for upcoming COVID-19 Testing on **March 11, 2021**

Bernards Township Community Center
289 South Maple Ave

Basking Ridge, NJ

Appointments begin at 9am



[Register Here!](#)
[View flyer here \(English\)](#)

NJ Vaccine Call Center: 75+ Programs

The goal of this program is to provide scheduling support, predominantly through dedicated appointments to ensure 75+ seniors are able to access appointments.

Outbound calls to 75+ individuals based on the NJVSS wait-list to schedule appointments at the following locations:

- Gloucester mega-site
- Inspira Health (Mullica Hill and Vineland)
- Walmart (60 sites state-wide launching 3/8)
- Shop Rite (64 sites state-wide, launch TBD)

Separate senior specific number (856) 249-7007 to be used for inbound calls for the following:

- Rescheduling of dedicated appointments.
- Registration and addition of 75+ to NJVSS wait-list
- Scheduling at other NJVSS sites.

Updates from the Governor's Office

- Wedding receptions may proceed at 35% of a venue's indoor capacity up to 150 persons, and up to 150 people outdoors.
- Sleepaway camps will be able to safely resume their operations this summer.

How Long Should I Quarantine?

The safest option is to stay home for 14 days. If you cannot stay home for 14 days due to economic or other hardship, there are **2 options**. **1) No Test Option** – Stay home for 10 days. If you stay symptom free for 10 days, quarantine ends. Monitor symptoms and wear a mask and social distance through day 14. **2) Test Option** – Stay home for 7 days. Get tested Day 5,6, or 7. Stay home while awaiting results. If the test is negative and you're symptom free, quarantine ends. Monitor symptoms, wear a mask and social distance through Day 14. [NJDOH Infographic - How Long Do I Quarantine/Isolate?](#) [Learn more here.](#)

Expanded Eligibility for the COVID-19 Vaccine in NJ

Beginning Monday 3/15 - the following categories are eligible for vaccination

- Educators, including support staff, in Pre-K through 12th grade settings. Childcare workers in licensed and registered settings
- Public and local transportation workers, including bus, taxi, rideshare, and airport employees; NJ Transit workers; and Motor Vehicle Commission staff
- Public safety workers who are not sworn law enforcement or fire professionals, including probation officers and fire safety inspectors
- Migrant farm workers
- Members of tribal communities
- Individuals experiencing homelessness and those living in shelters, including domestic violence shelters.

Beginning Monday 3/29 - the following categories are eligible for vaccination

- Food production, agriculture, and food distribution
- Eldercare and support
- Warehousing and logistics, medical supply chain
- Social services support staff, hospitality
- Elections personnel, Judicial system
- Postal and shipping services
- Clergy

Vaccine Securing Resources

- **NJ Vaccine Matchmakers** – Facebook group with volunteers working to secure vaccine appointments for seniors. [Register here.](#)
- **Vaccine Bot NJ (@nj_vaccine)** – Twitter account that posts information about available appointments on routine basis.

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2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019) Resources and Links

COVID-19 Case Graphs per Municipality – Case counts come directly from raw data imported from Commcare by the Bernards Township Health Department.

Somerset County

- [Bernards Township](#)
- [Bernardsville Borough](#)
- [Peapack and Gladstone Boroughs](#)

Morris County

- [Chester Borough](#)
- [Long Hill Township](#)
- [Mendham Borough](#)

COVID-19 Weekly Activity Reports

- Provides data on COVID-19 transmission by six regions in NJ.
- Updated every Thursday.
- Used to determine school exclusion and other re-openings.
- This week NJ is overall **HIGH RISK**. Central West (Somerset) is **Moderate** and Northwest (Morris) is **High**.
- Click [here](#) to view this week's report ending February 27th.
- Click [here](#) to view past week's reports.

NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

- **Pre-Register for the Vaccine through NJVSS (NJ Vaccine Scheduling System)** – <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>
- <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine>
- https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_vaccination.shtml

New Jersey COVID-19 Resources

- <https://covid19.nj.gov/> - Visit this webpage to get information on all things COVID-19 in New Jersey.
- COVID-19 New Jersey Dashboard + Positive Test Results available [here](#). Now including trends, hospital census, long term care facilities, psychiatric hospitals, demographics, contact tracing and school info. Updated daily.
- Somerset County NJ COVID-19 Status Dashboard available [here](#).
- Morris County NJ COVID-19 Status Dashboard available [here](#).
- Phone/Text Lines:
 - 2-1-1 for General COVID-19 questions (7am-11 pm)
 - 1-800-962-1253 for Medical Questions (24/7)
 - Text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive alerts
 - Download COVID Alert NJ app [here](#)
- NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Phone Lines
 - State of NJ Hotline – (855) 568-0545 – Get help scheduling a COVID-19 vaccination appointment. Staffed with live agents from 8am-8pm daily.
 - Somerset County Hotline – (908) 231-7155 – Get answers to your questions about COVID-19 Testing and Vaccinations. M-F 8:30am-8:00pm, Sat 10:00am-4:00pm.
 - Morris County COVID-19 Hotline – (973) 829-8250 – Staffed 7 days a week during business hours.

Testing Updates – Click [here](#) for more information on free testing across New Jersey

- **NJ Testing Sites** – [click here](#) for the most up to date information including new locations and testing criteria.
 - **Morris County** – [Click here for Morris County Testing Locations.](#)
 - **Somerset County** – [Click here for Somerset County Testing Locations.](#)

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