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2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019) Weekly Update #72 – April 15, 2021

Bernards Township COVID-19 Testing

See below information for upcoming COVID-19 Testing on **April 22, 2021**.

Bernards Township Community Center
289 South Maple Ave
Basking Ridge, NJ



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

Appointments begin at 9am

COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Updates

Beginning April 5th

- Age 55 +
- Individuals Age 16+ with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.
- Higher Education Educators and Support Staff.
- Communications, IT and Press.
- Real Estate, Building and Home Service Workers.
- Retail Financial Institution Workers.
- Sanitation Workers, Laundry Service Workers, Utility Workers.
- Librarians and Library Support Staff.

Beginning April 19th

- All New Jerseyans 16 +

All New Jerseyans can register for the vaccine through [NJVSS \(NJ Vaccine Scheduling System\)](#) or can [schedule an appointment directly with vaccine locations. Find out more about eligibility here.](#)

Learn More About V-Safe

Have you gotten your first dose of COVID-19 vaccine yet? If you have, you should have been told about V-safe. V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccine. You can quickly tell CDC if you have any side effects following your COVID-19 vaccine. V-safe can also remind you to get your second dose if you need one. V-safe cannot schedule vaccine appointments. [Learn more here.](#)

Statement from NJ Health Commissioner – Judith Persichilli

Out of an abundance of caution and following the guidance of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the New Jersey Department of Health this morning paused the administration of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine across all vaccination sites in the state.

The CDC and the FDA are reviewing the data involving six reported cases—among nearly 7 million doses administered in the U.S.—in women between the ages of 18 and 48 who received the J&J vaccine. Symptoms occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination. In these cases, a type of blood clot called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis was seen in combination with low levels of blood platelets. Both the CDC and FDA have said that these adverse events are extremely rare. According to the FDA and CDC, individuals who have received the vaccine and develop abdominal pain, leg pain, shortness of breath, severe headache or other unusual symptoms within three weeks after vaccination should contact their health care provider.

All New Jersey vaccination sites have been told to cancel or put on hold appointments for the J&J vaccine until further notice. For individuals scheduled to receive the J&J vaccine, the Department will work with all vaccination sites to make arrangements for the administration of an alternative two-dose vaccine. We will work with all sites, as needed, to reschedule vaccination appointments.

The Department will await further guidance from the federal government. The federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is scheduled to hold an emergency meeting tomorrow to discuss these adverse events and make recommendations to the CDC on how to proceed. [View the full press release here.](#)

Reporting Adverse Reactions

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. Millions of people have received COVID-19 vaccines and these vaccines will undergo the most intensive safety monitoring in US history. Severe allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis can occur after any vaccination. If anaphylaxis occurs, vaccination providers can effectively and immediately treat the reaction. To learn more, [visit CDC-Reported Adverse Events](#), report adverse events to [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#).

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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 April 10th.
- 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
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ](#)

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 [here](#). Includes vaccination overview, hospital census, case and mortality summaries, school data, contact tracing data, long-term care information, veteran's memorial homes, state psychiatric hospitals and ***NEW*** Cases by Municipality Data (Municipalities with populations over 20K)
- 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 – Schedule a vaccine appt. 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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