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2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019) Update #106 – May 19, 2022

Bernards Township COVID-19 Testing Clinics:

Upcoming COVID-19 testing clinics:

Thursdays May 26, June 9, 16, 23 & 30

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



[Register for 5/26](#) [English flyer](#) - [Spanish flyer](#)

- [Please note the change for patients without insurance.](#)
- If you cannot attend your scheduled appointment, you do **not** need to cancel.
- **Walk-in appointment welcomed.**
- If you need testing sooner, [check out other testing sites here](#).

Accessing Test Results

- Test results will be delivered via phone, text or email.
Check your spam folder and missed calls.
- Please allow 48-72 hours to process test results.
- If you do not hear back after 72 hours, please email WellCare at wellcarecovidtesting@gmail.com

ATTENTION: Every home in the US is eligible for a 3rd round of free at-home tests (8 tests). [Order here](#)

Upcoming BTHD COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

See below for our upcoming vaccine clinics. All vaccine clinics will be from 3-5 pm at **Saint James Church**, 184 S. Finley Ave, Basking Ridge, NJ:

Pediatric Pfizer (5-11) - Mon, May 23
1st and 2nd doses available

Pfizer (12+), Moderna and J&J - Tue, May 24
Primary series for Pfizer12+ (1st and 2nd doses) and boosters for 12+, Moderna primary series or boosters and J&J primary dose or boosters for 18+

Visit www.bernardshealth.org to access registration links and learn more about our clinics. **June dates TBD.**

Sign Up for "Health Matters" E-Newsletter

This will be the last official COVID-19 Update from the BTHD. Please [click here](#) to sign up for the "Health Matters" E-Newsletter. Thank you for reading!

COVID-19 Associated Hepatitis in Children

According to recent studies on COVID-19 (not yet currently peer-reviewed) COVID-19 could be causing mysterious cases of severe hepatitis in hundreds of children around the world.



According to this report, children with COVID-19 are at significantly increased risk for liver dysfunction after. However, most of the children in the case study have not reported a previous SARS-CoV-2 infection, but majority have been infected with adenovirus 41F which is known to affect the liver. It is possible that the affected children may have had mild or asymptomatic COVID-19 infections that went unnoticed. The theory is that lingering COVID-19 infection in the gastrointestinal tract could prime the immune system to overreact to adenovirus 41F with high amounts of inflammatory protein that can damage the liver. [View the study.](#)

Omicron Subvariant Updates: BA.2, BA.4 & BA.5

Omicron subvariants BA.4 and BA.5 have been detected in more than 12 countries which has led to an uptick in COVID-19 outbreaks across the world. Both variants were first detected in January 2022 in South Africa. According to the [World Health Organization](#), less than 700 cases of BA.4 (16 countries) and more than 300 cases of BA.5 (17 countries) have been detected. Both BA.4 and BA.5 carry a mutation that was last detected in the Delta variant. While more evidence is needed to determine if the two sublineage strains cause more severe illness, it appears as though both are more contagious. Recently, the [European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control \(ECDC\)](#) reclassified the BA.4 and BA.5 Omicron subvariants as **Variants of Concern (VOC)** up from **Variants of Interest (VOI)**.

As of the last NJ Variant Surveillance Report ending [April 23rd](#), BA.2 is the dominant strain making up 92.1% of sequenced cases. BA.2.12.1 has been detected in 3.0% of sequenced cases, with 4.0% of the cases being BA.1.1. In the US, BA.2.12.1 makes up about 42.6% of all new sequenced cases. So far, BA.2 and BA.2.12.1 have shown no difference in hospitalization rates.

For all age groups, it remains a priority to improve COVID-19 vaccine uptake of the primary series and first booster dose in populations that haven't received them. Wear a mask (like an N95 or KN95) in crowded places, stay home when you're sick, and test to help control the spread of COVID-19 and its subvariants. For more information [visit the CDC website](#).

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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. **As of 5/5 there has been a significant increase in local cases.**

Somerset County

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

Morris County

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

COVID-19 Weekly State 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**

Central West (Somerset): **HIGH**

Northwest (Morris): **HIGH**

Click [here](#) to view this week's report ending 5/14

[NJ COVID-19 Variant Surveillance Report Week 16](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

- <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>
- <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine>
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ](#)
- [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#)
- [Docket App](#)
- [V-Safe After Vaccine Health Checker](#)

COVID-19 Variant Information

- [CDC Variant Classifications & Definitions](#)
- [World Health Organization VOI/VOC Monitoring](#)
- [NJDOH COVID-19 Variant FAQs](#)

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 Cases by Municipality Data (Municipalities with populations over 20K)
- Somerset County NJ COVID-19 Status Dashboard available [here](#). [More information here.](#)
- Morris County NJ COVID-19 Status Dashboard available [here](#).
- Phone/Text Lines:
 - For COVID-19 Vaccination & Testing - 1-855-568-0545 (8am-8pm)
 - For Medical COVID-19 Questions - 1-800-962-1253
 - Text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive alerts.
 - Download COVID Alert NJ app [here](#).
- **Mental Health Resources**
 - NJ Hopeline - [24/7 Suicide Prevention Hotline](#) 1-855-654-6735
 - NJ Mental Health Cares Hotline - Support from stress and anxiety dealing with COVID-19 866-202-HELP(4357)
- NJ COVID-19 Testing sites - [click here](#) for the most up to date information.
 - Morris County – [Click here for Morris County Testing Locations.](#)
 - Somerset County – [Click here for Somerset County Testing Locations.](#)
 - [Order free PCR test kits in NJ](#)
 - [Order 4 free Rapid Antigen test kits from the US Government](#)

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