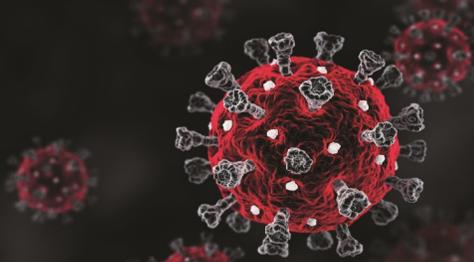


Vax Matters



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News

Vaccine Appointment Finder Added to COVID-19 Website

A new feature on the COVID-19 Information Hub will help people find available vaccine appointments at locations throughout New Jersey.

Visit covid19.nj.gov/finder to browse a list of sites or search by county. The site aggregates information across multiple scheduling platforms multiple times an hour to let people know where appointments and to direct them on how to schedule an available one.

You must be currently eligible to receive the vaccine. To determine your eligibility, visit the [New Jersey COVID-19 vaccine page](#). Due to high demand, appointment availability changes rapidly and users are urged to check back regularly for updated information.

Mega-Sites Top 1 Million Doses Administered

The state's six regional mega-sites, which opened in January, have administered over 1 million doses overall. The mega-sites include: Atlantic City Convention Center; Racetrack at Meadowlands, East Rutherford; Moorestown Mall; Rowan College of South Jersey, Sewell; New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, Edison; and Rockaway Townsquare.

[Click here](#) for information on making an appointment.

More Groups Eligible Monday

Additional groups will become eligible for vaccination Monday. [Learn more](#).

Community Calendar Debuts

Does your organization have a vaccine-related informational event to share?

Visit covid19.nj.gov/communitycalendar to learn more or to fill out a form to have your event featured on the COVID-19 Community Calendar.

FEMA Community Vaccination Center Opens in Newark

The Community Vaccination Center in Newark, a pilot site operated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), opened this week at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) with the capacity to vaccinate 6,000 people per day, seven days a week.

The site is in addition to 18 vaccination sites in Newark.

The site was visited Wednesday by Governor Murphy, New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Commissioner Judith Persichilli and Newark Mayor Ras Baraka.

"It's a gamechanger for the state, and specifically for Newark," Governor Murphy said of the site.

Vaccines will be provided directly from the federal government, above and beyond the state's regular allocations. Appointments are required.

Supported by the federal government in partnership with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, NJDOH, Essex County, and City of Newark, the Community Vaccination Center is serving target vulnerable communities based on the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Social Vulnerability Index.

"This site will help us continue our efforts to ensure vaccine equity by reaching communities who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19," Commissioner Persichilli said.

The site is located at NJIT's Naimoli Family Athletic and Recreational Facility.

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Following a soft opening on Monday, the Community Vaccination Center in Newark has so far vaccinated 8,450 individuals as of its formal opening on Wednesday.



Vaccination Progress

- ◆ 4.3M+ total vaccine doses administered
- ◆ 2.8M+ people with at least one vaccine dose
- ◆ 1.6M+ fully vaccinated people



Mobile Units To Go Deep Into Communities as Part of New Jersey's Vaccination Efforts

Coming soon: NJDOH will place three customized mobile units in the northern, central and southern regions of the state as part of New Jersey's COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

The goal is to go into underserved communities, including prioritizing congregate settings, such as public housing.

NJDOH will consider input from local public health departments and community stakeholders in terms of where the vehicles will go.

All three vehicles are in the process of motor vehicle registration and preparations for deployment.

Initially, one will be put on the road to provide COVID-19 testing so people get used to seeing it, Commissioner Persichilli said.



The state Health Department will provide staffing for operations of the units and may be partnering with entities, as needed, in order to best accomplish the goal of testing and vaccinating vulnerable populations across the state.

Healthcare Providers Address Importance of Vaccination, Safety and Hesitancy in Educational Videos



Maritza Beniquez, RN - The

Dr. Charles Farmer urges



Dr. Jubril Oyeyemi - A Doctor

Dr. Harold LaRoche -



Nurse Janine Llamzon -

Dr. Shereef Elnahal - The

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The FEMA center is in addition to the 12 vaccination sites across Newark that are receiving part of New Jersey's supply of vaccine and six pharmacies that are part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership, Commissioner Persichilli said.

To date, over 41,000 Newark residents have received at least one dose of vaccine and over 19,500 individuals have completed their vaccine journey.

Newark is also hosting one of the state's 10 Community-Based Vaccination Partnership sites. This week, vaccinations are taking place at Jehovah Jireh Praise and Worship on South 15th Street, and next week, will move to Raphael Hernandez Elementary School on Broadway.

Appointments are required and are scheduled directly through partnering houses of worship, community organizations and local community leaders for members of the immediate community.

Resources

- ◆ NJ Vaccine Call Center: 1-855-568-0545
- ◆ [NJ Transit VAXRIDE](#)
- ◆ [COVID-19 Information Hub Vaccine Page](#)
- ◆ [Community-Based Vaccination Sites](#)

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