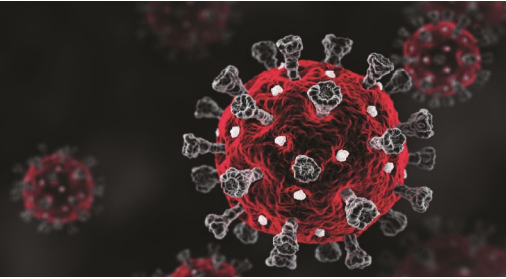


Vax Matters



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News

White House Highlights Uber/Lyft Vaccination Ride Program

A new program from ride-sharing companies Lyft and Uber will offer free rides to anyone going to a vaccination site to get vaccinated, according to the Biden Administration. Lyft and Uber will promote rides to and from vaccination sites through their apps. The program will operate from May 24 through July 4, according to the White House.

Revised Long-term Care Directive Allows for Expanded Activities

NJDOH has released a new directive to long-term care facilities to accommodate more visitation, group activities and the provision of services for residents after vaccination. The directive aligns with updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services.

During visitation, if both the visitor and the resident are fully vaccinated, residents and their visitors may choose to have close contact including touching and removing their facemasks if they are alone in the resident's room or the designated visitation room.

Fully vaccinated residents may choose to have close contact including touching with their unvaccinated visitor, however they both must wear a well-fitting face mask.

NJDOH also updated guidance on communal activities and dining for residents that are fully vaccinated. If all residents participating in the group activity or communal dining are fully vaccinated, they may participate without physical distancing and without wearing a mask during the activity.

N.J. Expands Pfizer Vaccine Access to 12- to 15-year-olds

The Pfizer vaccine is now being administered to 12- to 15-year-olds in the state following authorization by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The two-dose vaccine received emergency authorization earlier in the week by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and received further recommendation by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

"I want to send a message to parents of children now eligible to be vaccinated," said Health Commissioner Judith Persichilli. "New Jersey is moving in the right direction with case numbers declining and having this age group vaccinated with help us fight this virus further."

Even though New Jersey's youngest residents have among the lowest rates of hospitalizations and deaths, they have had among the greatest rates of transmission.

The state's vaccine provider network has significant experience administering Pfizer and already has been serving those aged 16 and older.

The state is continuing to work with the mega-sites, hospitals, federal retail pharmacy partners, and select health departments to help provide the vaccine throughout New Jersey, as well as to the Federally Qualified Health Centers, which serve underserved communities.

"Adolescents want to get back to seeing their friends and going on trips and the best way to do that is to get vaccinated," said Commissioner Persichilli. "The Pfizer vaccine is safe. Parents who have questions should talk to their pediatricians or healthcare providers."

As with all vaccinations for minors, consent from a parent or guardian is required.

"This will be a big step that will allow for students and educators to feel more confident in being in their classrooms for the remainder of this year," said Governor Murphy at Wednesday's briefing. "It will set us up for every school to be fully back for in-person instruction in September. It will also be a big part of the overall picture for reopening more fully and more quickly."



Governor Murphy, Commissioner Persichilli, Whoopi Goldberg and NJDOH COVID Community Corps members at an East Orange Grateful for the Shot vaccination event on Friday.

Vaccination Progress

- ◆ 7.8M+ vaccine doses administered in N.J.
- ◆ 3.7M+ fully vaccinated people



Check out all of NJDOH's vaccine public awareness videos on our [YouTube channel](#).

Updated COVID-19 Dashboard Shows Vaccination Data Across New Jersey Municipalities

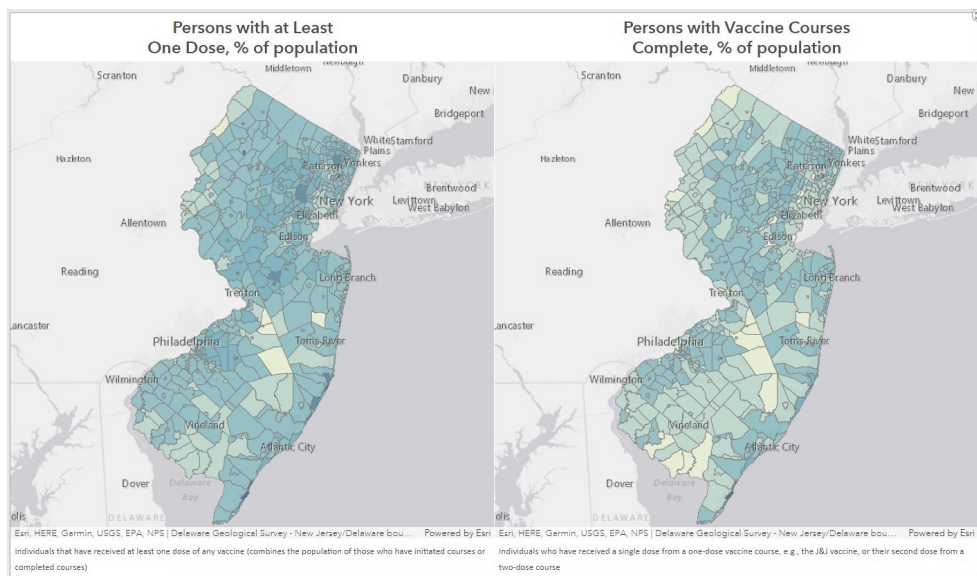
NJDOH has updated its data dashboard at covid19.nj.gov with vaccination data by municipality.

The dashboard enables users to see the percentages of adults in each municipality who have received their first doses as well as percentages for those who are now fully vaccinated.

“Through this data we hope that you will not only have access to the same data that we do, but that you can see why we will be deploying resources, for instance, to certain communities as opposed to others,” said Governor Murphy during a press briefing on Monday. “Reaching our 70% goal by June 30th is a key benchmark for us.

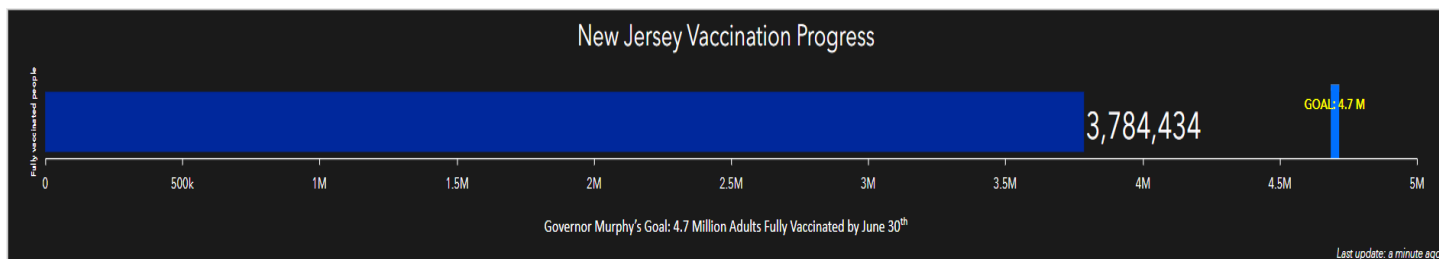
We know there are hard-to-reach neighborhoods where we will have to push a little more or a maybe a lot more to bring the resources in.”

Users are also able to filter the data for total vaccinated, individuals 18 and older vaccinated, and individuals 65 and



older vaccinated. Each municipality is shaded on the map, with those with the highest percentage vaccinated shaded the darkest.

View the dashboard at covid19.nj.gov.



FAQ: What Do I Do If I Have Lost My COVID-19 Vaccination Card?

Q: I lost my COVID-19 vaccination card. How can I get a copy to show proof I received the vaccine?

A: If you lost your COVID-19 vaccination card or need additional proof of vaccination, you will need to request your immunization record by visiting the New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIS) at njis.nj.gov. Once on this page, complete the following actions:

- Click on “Submit a Request” from the top blue ribbon.
- Select the topic question “I want to request a copy of my immunization record from NJIS.”
- This will open the help center request form (ticket). Click on link “Request a copy of NJIS Immunization Record”. This will open the IMM-46 form which

you need to complete. You can attach the form directly to this ticket. Per the instructions on this form, you will need to attach a copy of your photo ID. *Examples of acceptable forms of identification are: a state-issued photo driver’s license with address; a state-issued photo non-driver’s identification card with address; a similar form of identification issued by this State, another state, or the Federal government; or a photo identification card issued by a New Jersey County Clerk.*

- If you wish to have a copy of the COVID-19 vaccine lot number, please write this in the description section of the ticket.
- Click “Send” to submit your request, which will be processed within 24-48 business hours. Please note that all immunization records will be mailed; they cannot be emailed.

Resources

- ◆ NJ Vaccine Call Center: 855-568-0545
- ◆ COVID-19 Vaccine Finder
- ◆ [NJ Transit VAXRIDE](#)
- ◆ COVID-19: 5 Reasons to Get Vaccinated [[English](#)] [[Spanish](#)]
- ◆ COVID-19 Vaccine: Addressing Concerns about Johnson & Johnson [[English](#)] [[Spanish](#)]

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