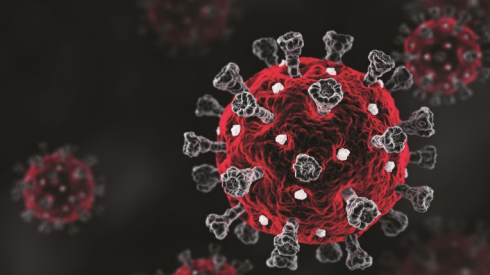


Vax Matters



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News



Mobile Vaccinations Set For New Brunswick, Camden

NJDOH's Mobile Command Center bus will be at several upcoming vaccination clinics.

New Brunswick sites include:

- July 9: Alice Jennings Archibald Park, behind McKinley Community School, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- July 10 and 17: Joyce Kilmer Park, Joyce Kilmer Avenue and Comstock Street, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- July 11 and 18: Recreation Park, Recreation Park Lane and Reservoir Avenue, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The mobile clinic will also be in **Camden**, July 8 and 10, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Whitman Square, Rose and Everett streets; and July 6, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Staley Park, Chelton Avenue and South 7th Street.

The Pfizer (ages 12+), Moderna (ages 18+) and J&J (ages 18+) vaccines will be available. No appointments are necessary.

You do not need to show ID, documentation or proof of insurance to get vaccinated.

The Mobile Command Center was recently featured in an [NJ Spotlight News report](#) that focused on pop-up vaccination sites, outreach efforts, and NJDOH's Vaccine Ambassador initiative working to boost vaccination rates in 11 high-risk counties.

Additional dates and towns will be announced.

Time for Age-Eligible Students to Get Vaccinated is Now

With full-day, full-time, in-person instruction to resume this fall, now is the time for parents of children between the ages of 12 and 17 to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment to allow enough time for that second shot before school starts, New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), Commissioner Judith Persichilli said.

And with many New Jersey colleges requiring students to be vaccinated before returning to or visiting campus, the state's over 1,500 community-based sites, plus pop-up vaccination sites, have open appointments, including walk-in availability and extended hours.

For the Pfizer vaccine, a two-dose regimen is authorized for individuals ages 12 and up. Both the Moderna (two doses) and Johnson & Johnson (one dose) vaccines are authorized for those ages 18 and older.

New Jersey reached another milestone on Friday of fully vaccinating over 5 million individuals who live, work or study in the state.

Governor Murphy, Department of Education Acting Commissioner Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan, and Commissioner Persichilli on Monday announced a series of coordinated recommendations and guidance documents to assist school districts and educators as they develop local reopening plans for the 2021-22 school year.

The guidance document details recommendations designed to provide a healthy and safe environment for students and staff during the 2021-22 school year. These strategies are recommendations, not mandatory standards. The absence of one or more of these strategies should not prevent school facilities for opening for full-day, in-person operation. Schools are encouraged to implement as many layers as feasible while providing full-time, in-person instruction.

"While this guidance will help schools plan for fall, the best way to keep schools open and safe is to get vaccinated," Commissioner Persichilli said.

The summer is also a good opportunity to not only get vaccinated against COVID-19 but to get up to date with all vaccines.

NJDOH Continues Second Dose Push

The state Health Department is also reminding people to get their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna, particularly to protect against ongoing virus variants.

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Peace Corps members assigned to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in coordination with NJDOH's COVID Community Corps getting ready to canvass in Trenton for a department vaccination event.

Vaccination Progress

- ◆ 9.9M+ vaccine doses administered in N.J.
- ◆ 5M+ fully vaccinated people



Find the latest pop-up and mobile vaccination events at covid19.nj.gov/communitycalendar.

Scenes from Weekend Grateful for The Shot Events Around New Jersey



All Saints Episcopal Church, Lakewood, above; Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton, below.

Grateful for the Shot events continued to take place over the weekend of June 26-27 sponsored by houses of worship in key communities. Over 700 people in total were vaccinated at all of the weekend events.

“Pop-up vaccination clinics like these are playing an important role in helping to get people vaccinated in our state,” said Commissioner Persichilli.

The Grateful for the Shot events are partnerships with NJDOH, houses of worship, the Governor’s Office, the First Lady’s Office and the New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund. Additional events are planned for upcoming weekends.

You can find more event listings at: covid19.nj.gov/communitycalendar.



Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton above; Our Lady of the Angels, Trenton, below.



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You must receive both doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine to get the best protection against COVID-19.

Similar to the national average, New Jersey’s second dose completion rate has been between 90-91% since NJDOH started tracking completion rates.

Individuals get some protection from the first shot, but the second shot provides 94% coverage, including the strongest possible protection against the Delta variant.

NJDOH has an ongoing second dose social media campaign. The department’s Vaccine Call Center also implements text, email and phone reminders, and the COVID Community Corps continues to canvass in communities to share information and distribute materials emphasizing the importance of the second shot.

While it is never too late, it is better to complete your vaccine series as soon as possible. Individuals who are late getting their second shot should try to get it within six weeks of their first dose.

Resources

- ◆ NJ Vaccine Call Center: 855-568-0545
- ◆ COVID-19 Vaccine Finder
- ◆ COVID-19 Vaccine: Information for You and Your Family [[English](#)] [[Spanish](#)]
- ◆ [NJ Transit VAXRIDE](#)

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