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## Resources for Health Care Providers

### The New Jersey Department of Health Vaccine Operations Update Meeting for Providers

- To be added to the monthly meeting invite, visit [forms.office.com/g/6kyT7PXkyy](https://forms.office.com/g/6kyT7PXkyy).

### Updated Clinical Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines: Appendices, References, and Previous Updates | CDC](#)
- [Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](#)
- [Safety considerations for mRNA and Novavax vaccines](#)
- [General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization](#)
- [U.S. COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information | CDC \(Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit\)](#).

### Safety and Effectiveness

- [Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)  
[COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness | COVID-19 | CDC](#)

### Long COVID

- [Clinical Overview of Long COVID | COVID-19 | CDC](#)

### Finding COVID-19 Vaccines and Testing

- Vaccines are free for most people through the Vaccines for Children Program, most commercial/private insurance, Medicare, and most Medicaid programs like the Family Care Plan A. Advise patients to contact their [Local Health Departments](#), and [Federally Qualified Health Centers](#) to see if they qualify for free or low-cost vaccines.
- VFC patients can visit [For the Public \(nj.gov\)](#).
- Everyone can visit, [COVID-19 \(nj.gov\)](#) or call the CDC Info Line at 1-800-232-0233.

### Testing

- Advise patients of the following options: U.S. households will be eligible to order four free, rapid antigen home tests, which will detect current COVID-19 variants and can be used through the end of the year. Rapid at-home tests can be



purchased online or in pharmacies and retail stores; some insurance may cover the costs. Patients can visit the [FDA's website to check test expiration dates](#).

- To find PCR or antigen tests performed at a health care facility, and or low- or no-cost testing for everyone, including people without insurance, visit the following websites: [local health department](#) or a [community-based testing location](#), such as a pharmacy or [health center](#).

## **The Adult 317/Bridge Access and Vaccines for Children Programs (VFC)**

### **The Adult 317/Bridge Access Program**

Please be advised that as of August 1, 2024, the Adult 317 Program will no longer be accepting new applications due to limited funding and the ending of CDC's COVID-19 Bridge Access Program on August 31, 2024. Should additional funds become available in the future, we will notify all providers regarding the reopening of application submissions.

### **The VFC Program**

- **To enroll**, visit [Vaccines for Children Program Provider Enrollment Package Pediatric](#).
- **For more information about the NJ VFC program**, visit [Vaccines for Children \(nj.gov\)](#), email [vfc@doh.nj.gov](mailto:vfc@doh.nj.gov), or call 609-826-4862.

### **Data and Surveillance**

- For information on New Jersey's metrics, visit [Department of Health | Communicable Disease Service | New Jersey COVID-19 Dashboard \(nj.gov\)](#). For CDC metrics, visit [CDC COVID Data Tracker: Home](#).
- For information about New Jersey's wastewater surveillance program visit, [Department of Health | Public Health and Environmental Laboratories | Wastewater Surveillance \(nj.gov\)](#). For CDC wastewater surveillance, visit [CDC COVID Data Tracker: Wastewater Surveillance](#).