



Somerset County Department of Health Public Health Emergency Preparedness Situation Update Coronavirus – COVID-19 Update #92

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The Somerset County Department of Health is the lead county agency to coordinate public health disease response in emergencies, in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), local hospitals, medical providers, emergency medical services and other local health partners.

Somerset County, New Jersey	
Event Name	COVID-19 – Somerset County Department of Health (SCDOH) Response
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THIS WEEK'S SUMMARY

The Somerset County Department of Health continues to actively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 Want to know what's new? Look for the **highlighted** sections.

COVID-19

Current Situation

As of November 5, 2021:

	Cases	Deaths
CDC	46,180,190	747,970
NJDOH	1,047,410	25,246
Somerset County	28,089	768

- ➔ The **New Jersey** COVID-19 Activity Level Report:
<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/index.shtml>
- ➔ Visit the Somerset County website for COVID-19 data via the [county dashboard](#).
- ➔ Residents can call 908-231-7111 for an automated reading of the current coronavirus (COVID-19) case count in **Somerset County**, NJ.

COVID-19 Vaccination

Everyone who lives, works, or studies in New Jersey, ages 5+ are eligible to be vaccinated. At this time, only the Pfizer vaccine is authorized for individuals 5-17. Minors must be accompanied by an adult and have parent/guardian consent. Individuals must be 18 years or older to receive the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Everyone interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine at a Somerset County vaccination clinic, can register in the New Jersey Vaccination Registration System (NJVSS) at: <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>. Appointments are strongly encouraged, however, walk-ins will be accepted.

Third (additional) doses of Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are currently only available for moderately or severely immunocompromised individuals. Booster doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are currently being offered to certain eligible populations who have completed their primary series at least six (6) or more months ago. Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 booster doses are available to individuals 18 years and older who have completed their initial vaccination at least 2 months ago.

Find a COVID-19 Vaccine



- Search for available vaccine appointments at locations across NJ: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>.
- To find a COVID-19 vaccine near you:
 - Search vaccines.gov
 - Text your ZIP code to 438829
 - Call 1-800-232-0233

NJ COVID-19 Hotline



- Anyone who does not have internet access, or needs assistance can call the New Jersey COVID-19 vaccine call center at **855-568-0545**. The NJ Vaccination Call Center hotline is open from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM every day to help register individuals, answer questions about the vaccine & check registration status.
- If you are 65 or older, you can call a special senior hotline, **856-249-7007** from 8 am to 8 pm for vaccination scheduling support.
- For issues related to COVID-19 vaccine registration, NJVSS has a feedback form at <https://covid19.nj.gov/forms/vaccine/vss-feedback>

Transportation Options



- Free, public transportation transit options to and from vaccine locations through [VAXRIDE initiative](#) from NJ TRANSIT
- [NJ 211 is offering free rides to and from vaccination sites in partnership with United Way Worldwide and Lyft](#). Rides are available wherever Lyft operates in New Jersey.

COVID-19 Vaccination Helpful Resources

Somerset County Department of Health



Note: additional helpful resources may be found in recent Somerset County Department of Health Situation Updates, located [here](#).

- On October 4, the Somerset County call center for COVID-19 vaccination information re-opened. The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 8:00pm. Residents with questions can call 908-541-5000.
- Somerset County has a [vaccination questions form](#) for residents
- Somerset County Department of Health [COVID-19 Vaccination FAQs](#) (September 17, 2021)
- For a list of Somerset County Department of Health's COVID-19 vaccination clinics, visit: www.co.somerset.nj.us/health.

New Jersey Department of Health



General Information



- [New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub – COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [NJDOH "Vax Matters" Newsletter](#)
- [New Jersey Vaccination Overview Dashboard](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Facts



- [Docket App](#) – a new app from the NJDOH to make it easier to securely access your COVID-19 vaccination record.
- Masking Indoors When There is Increased Risk – [English](#) and [Spanish](#) (August 13, 2021)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines: Know the Facts](#) – *multiple languages* (March 8, 2021)
- Additional Vaccine for People with Weakened Immune Systems [English](#) and [Spanish](#) (September 3, 2021)
- [Third Dose vs. Booster Information](#) (September 27, 2021)
- [Booster Eligibility](#) (October 28, 2021)
- [4 Things to Know about the Delta Variant](#) (August 15, 2021)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information for you & your family](#) (August 26, 2021)

**NJ Information for Schools/
Child Care Centers**



- [COVID-19 Vaccine Documentation FAQs](#) (August 2021)
- [I lost my COVID-19 vaccination card. How do I get a new copy?](#) (July 13, 2021)
- [COVID 19 Vaccines – Questions on Fertility – Separating Fact from Fiction](#) (August, 26 2021)
- [If you had COVID-19...you still need a vaccine](#) (September 2021)
- [Public Health Recommendations for Youth Sports](#) (September 20, 2021)
- [COVID-19 and Athletes: Stay Safe on and off the Field](#) [English](#) and [Spanish](#) (September 20, 2021)
- [COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Operating Child Care Centers](#)
- [NJDOH COVID-19 Interim Guidance for Local Health Departments for Institutions of Higher Education](#) (September 27, 2021)

**Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)**

General Information



- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkits](#)
- [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated](#) (October 15, 2021)
- [Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Kindergarten \(K\)-12 Schools](#) (October 22, 2021)

CDC Texting Resources



- [V-Safe Information Sheet](#)
- [VaxText](#): Patients can opt into this free text messaging service to receive text reminders to get their 2nd dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

**CDC
Patient Information**



- [Possible Side Effects After Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#) (September 30, 2021)
- [What to Do if You Have an Allergic Reaction After Getting A COVID-19 Vaccine](#) (October 7, 2021)

CDC
Special Populations



- [COVID-19 Vaccines While Pregnant or Breastfeeding](#) (October 19, 2021)
- [What Older Adults Need to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines](#) (October 6, 2021)
- [Vaccinating Homebound Persons with COVID-19 Vaccine](#) (February 11, 2021)
- [Homeless Populations: Resources to Support People Experiencing Homelessness](#) (May 19, 2021)

CDC Travel Information



- [Domestic Travel During COVID-19](#) (August 25, 2021)
- [International Travel During COVID-19](#) (August 25, 2021)
- [Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers – English and Spanish](#) (updated October 25, 2021)

COVID-19 Mental Health Resources



Somerset County

- 1-908-975-9401 (English)
- [Resources for Mental Health & Addiction Services](#)

Mental Health Association of New Jersey

- 1-877-294-HELP (4357)
- <https://www.mhanj.org/>

NJ Addictions Hotline

- 1-844-276-2777
- [Addictions Resources](#)

COVID-19 Testing

[Listing of COVID-19 testing sites in Somerset County](#)

[Information on testing centers in New Jersey](#)

Contact facilities directly for their requirements.

COVID-19 Testing Resources

English

- [How Soon after COVID-19 Exposure Should I get Tested?](#) (March 12, 2021)
- [Who Should Get Tested?](#) (April 6, 2021)
- [How Long Do I Need to Stay in COVID-19 Isolation or Quarantine?](#) (March 12, 2021)
- [Instructions for individuals who test **positive** for COVID-19](#) (December 11, 2020)
- [Instructions for individuals who test **negative** for COVID-19](#) (December 3, 2020)
- [3 Key Steps to Take While Waiting for Your COVID-19 Test Result](#) (July 9, 2021)
- [COVID-19 Quarantine Recommendations](#) (March 12, 2021)
- [Tell Your Contacts](#): A 2-page document that explains what to do if you have or think you may have COVID-19 (February 25, 2021)

Spanish

- [Después de una exposición a la COVID-19, ¿cuán pronto debería hacerme la prueba?](#) (March 12, 2021)
- [¿Cuánto tiempo tengo que permanecer en aislamiento o cuarentena por la COVID-19?](#) (March 12, 2021)
- [Residentes de Nueva Jersey que tuvieron un resultado **positivo** para COVID-19: instrucciones y próximos pasos \[Spanish\]](#) (December 11, 2020)
- [Residentes de Nueva Jersey que tuvieron un resultado **negativo** para COVID-19: instrucciones y próximos pasos \[Spanish\]](#) (December 3, 2020)
- [Opciones y recomendaciones* de cuarentena por la COVID-19](#) (March 12, 2021)

This week's update:

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November 2nd	CDC Recommends Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5 to 11 Years – CDC Director endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' recommendation that children ages 5-11 years olds be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine
November 3rd	Statement from New Jersey Department of Health Commissioner Judith Persichilli on CDC recommendation of Pfizer Vaccine for 5- through 11- Year Olds - Effective immediately, New Jersey children 5 through 11 years of age are eligible to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.
November 5th	Governor Murphy's Vaccine Update: COVID-19 Vaccinations in NJ as of 11/5: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 12,645,383 vaccine doses administered○ 6,094,798 fully vaccinated

COVID-19 is an ongoing situation, so everyone should keep up-to date on the most current information by regularly visiting one of these trusted public health sources:

- ➔ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov
- ➔ World Health Organization www.who.int
- ➔ New Jersey Department of Health www.nj.gov/health
- ➔ Somerset County Department of Health www.co.somerset.nj.us

If you have questions on this guidance, please email coronavirus@co.somerset.nj.us.

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