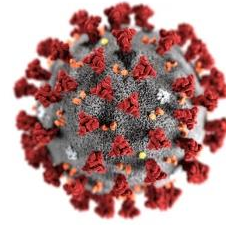




Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update April 23, 2021



The Department of Health reports 55 new cases of COVID-19 in Westfield from April 16-22. Of these cases:

- 19 had a positive household contact
- 17 had no known exposure
- 9 were unable to be reached
- 5 remain under investigation
- 4 had a known exposure
- 1 was previously diagnosed but reported this week

The ages of this week's cases ranged from 1 to 91 years old, broken down as follows:

- Age 9 and under: 4 cases
- Age 10-19: 19 cases
- Age 20-29: 7 cases
- Age 30-39: 7 cases
- Age 40-49: 5 cases
- Age 50-59: 9 cases
- Age 60-69: 2 cases
- Age 70-79: 1 case
- Age 80-89: no cases
- Age 90 and above: 1 case

Regional Health Officer Megan Avallone reports that this week, New Jersey ranks second in the nation in per capita confirmed COVID cases, with high activity levels reported in all regions except one. Our region (Central East) remains a high area of activity, with Westfield reporting a moderate level. The most highly impacted age group remains between 10 and 19 this week, representing 35% of the newly reported cases. Statewide, there has been an increase in the percentage of children that are becoming infected.

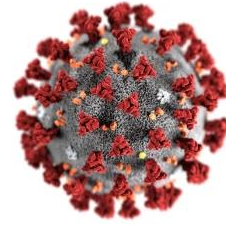
The State's seven-day average for new confirmed cases is down 12% from a week ago and down 20% from a month ago. The statewide rate of transmission is now .93.

Statewide, vaccination rates have decreased 16% from last week's rate, with an average of 89.6K shots administered per day. As of April 22, more than 3.9 million New Jersey residents have been vaccinated with at least one dose (44% of the total population), and more than 2.6 million New Jerseyans have been fully vaccinated (29.6% of the total population).

In Union County, 225,783 residents (40.5% of the total population) have received one dose, and 140,633 (25.2% of total population) are fully vaccinated. The vaccination rate remains unchanged over last week's rate. Union County's COVID death rate has increased to 1 in 292.



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In recently learned great news, newly available municipal-level vaccination data shows that as of April 16, 64% of Westfield's adult population had received at least one dose and 35% of the adult population was fully vaccinated!

Statewide and locally, vaccination centers are reporting an increase in no-shows for second appointments, as health officials continue to urge everyone to complete both doses in order to be considered fully vaccinated. Health officials also encourage anyone who needs to cancel an appointment to please let the vaccination site know. Vaccination appointments, however, have opened up and are more easily obtainable than in weeks past.

With eligibility now expanded to everyone 16 and older, I urge you to get vaccinated as soon as you are able, and please continue to take all necessary precautions in the meantime.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!