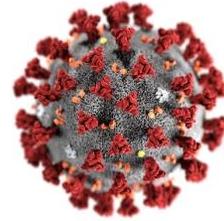




Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update October 1, 2021



Regional Health Officer Megan Avallone reports that two of the six regions in New Jersey (including our Central East region) are showing high levels of activity, down from three last week. The Delta variant accounted for nearly 100% of the most recent case samples statewide for the four weeks ending September 11.

Locally, Westfield is showing a moderate level of activity, with 34 cases identified between September 24 and September 30, down from 42 cases in the previous week.

174 cases were identified in Westfield during the month of September, up from 136 cases in August. Of these 174 cases, the age ranges are broken down as follows:

- Age 9 and under: 38 cases
- Age 10-19: 20 cases
- Age 20-29: 27 cases
- Age 30-39: 19 cases
- Age 40-49: 20 cases
- Age 50-59: 23 cases
- Age 60-69: 10 cases
- Age 70-79: 11 cases
- Age 80-89: 5 cases
- Age 90 and above: 1 case

63 (36%) of these cases were in residents who were identified as being fully vaccinated. It should be noted that none of these breakthrough cases were hospitalized—and most reported mild to moderate symptoms. Two unvaccinated residents, 78 and 22 years of age, were hospitalized this month. 53 of this month's cases (30%) were in children under 18.

The state's seven-day average for new confirmed cases is down 7% from a week ago and up 1% from a month ago, and the statewide transmission rate is .92.

Statewide, vaccination rates have increased 70% from last week's rate, with an average of 19.3K doses administered per day. More than 5.86 million New Jersey residents are fully vaccinated.

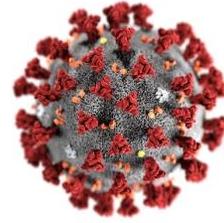
In Union County, 399,722 (71.8% of the total population) have received one dose of vaccine, and 352,921 (63.4% of the total population) are fully vaccinated.

I continue to be extremely proud of Westfield's high vaccination rate. Our fully vaccinated population consists of 93% of those 65 and older, 92% of those 30 and older, 94% of adults (18+), 90% of those 12 and older, and 74% of the entire population.

The Westfield Regional Health Department has been chosen by the New Jersey Public Health Association to present at their annual meeting next Friday on their vaccination efforts and the success that they've had reaching people for vaccinations.



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The department's immunization outreach continues, with six clinics and 99 vaccinations administered during September (up from 82 in August). The department continues to offer vaccinations in the home and in the office for those 12 and above, and has also reached out to all of the local long term care centers to offer booster dose clinics. Any resident interested in receiving the vaccine can call 908-789-4070. They carry Pfizer (primary series and booster doses) and J&J at the clinics, and residents can receive Moderna (primary series and third dose) by making an appointment. A schedule of upcoming vaccination clinics can be found at the [health department website](#).