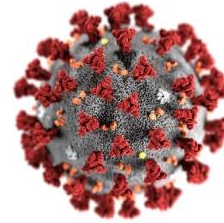




Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update December 10, 2021



Yesterday, the CDC approved Pfizer booster doses for 16 and 17 year olds, and is encouraging everyone 16 and older to receive a booster shot. Initial data on the Omicron variant suggests that COVID-19 boosters help broaden and strengthen the protection against Omicron and other variants.

Today, New Jersey reported the highest one-day total for new positive tests since January 29, and has also reported more than 1,000 hospitalizations for 11 consecutive days -- the highest levels since May 1.

Regional Health Officer Megan Avallone reports that the entire state is now showing a high level of COVID activity, and projections from the State Health Department show cases rising into January.

Locally, there were 77 cases identified in Westfield between December 3 and December 9. The age ranges are broken down as follows:

- Age 9 and under: 11 cases
- Age 10-19: 10 cases
- Age 20-29: 5 cases
- Age 30-39: 14 cases
- Age 40-49: 16 cases
- Age 50-59: 10 cases
- Age 60-69: 7 cases
- Age 70-79: 2 cases
- Age 80-89: 2 cases
- Age 90 and above: No cases

The state's seven-day average for new confirmed cases is up 41% from a week ago and more than triple the average from a month ago, the highest since April 7. The statewide transmission rate is 1.41.

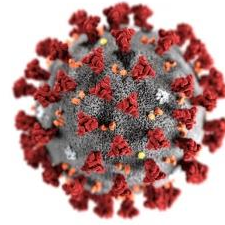
Statewide, vaccination rates have increased by 34% from last week's rate, with an average of 57K doses administered per day. More than 6.29 million New Jersey residents are fully vaccinated, and more than 1.5 million people in the state have received third doses or boosters.

In Union County, 68% of the population is fully vaccinated. In Westfield, 97% of adults and 77% of our entire population is fully vaccinated. Additional breakdowns by location and age group can be found at nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml. Note that the fully vaccinated data does not include booster shot information.

The Health Department's immunization outreach continues with all three brands of vaccine. December 15 has been deemed "Boost NJ Day," and the department will participate with a booster clinic at Forest Road Park in Fanwood from 10:00 - 12:00. Additional vaccination clinic information is available at westfieldnj.gov/health.



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Vaccine clinics, walk-in appointments, and home visits will continue to be offered throughout the winter. Any resident interested in receiving the vaccine can call 908-789-4070. All residents 16 and older who are six months past their last dose of Pfizer or Moderna, or two months past their dose of J&J, are highly encouraged to get a booster dose, as recommended by the CDC. The department is also offering free flu vaccinations for any adult 18 or older.

The full update detailing other topics in Town is available [here](#).