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2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019) Weekly Update #99 - February 3, 2022

Bernards Township COVID-19 Testing Clinics:

Upcoming COVID-19 testing clinics:

Thursdays 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

*Bernards Township Community Center
289 South Maple Ave, Basking Ridge, NJ*



[Register for 2/10](#)

[English flyer](#) - [Spanish flyer](#)

- If you cannot attend your scheduled appointment, you do **not** need to cancel.
- Walk-ins **may** be taken based on availability.
- If you need testing sooner, [check out other testing sites here](#).

Accessing Test Results

- Test results will be delivered via phone, text or email. Check your spam folder and missed calls.
- Please allow 48-72 hours to process test results.
- If you do not hear back after 72 hours, please email WellCare at wellcarecovidtesting@gmail.com

Upcoming BTHD COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

See below for our upcoming vaccine clinics. All vaccine clinics will be from 3-5 pm at Saint James Church, 184 S. Finley Ave, Basking Ridge, NJ:

Pediatric Pfizer (5-11) - Mon, Feb 7th

1st and 2nd doses available

Pfizer (12+) - Tues, Feb 8th

Primary series for 12+ (1st and 2nd doses) and boosters for 12+

Moderna and J&J - Tues, Feb 8th

Moderna primary series or boosters and J&J primary dose or boosters for 18+

Visit www.bernardshealth.org to access registration links and learn more about our clinics.

NJ Hope & Healing

Through a FEMA grant and the NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, [NJ Hope & Healing](#) provides mental health support to those struggling mentally and emotionally with the COVID-19 pandemic. Several months ago we spotlighted [Somerset County Hope & Healing](#). We have continued to see several local organizations still offering NJHH support. Check out [RWJBarnabas Health](#) (Somerset), [Center for Family Services](#) (Morris) and [Mental Health Association of NJ](#).

COVID-19 Related Blood Shortages

Healthcare centers nationwide have been experiencing blood donation shortages. In particular, the [American Red Cross](#) has a constant need for blood and platelet donations. With the ongoing pandemic, the Red Cross needs the help of blood and platelet donors and blood drives to meet the needs of patient care. The Red Cross follows the highest standard of safety and infection control and volunteer blood donations are the only source for those in need. Hospitals have resumed surgical procedures and patient treatments that were temporarily paused due to the pandemic. [Learn more here](#).

Even if you tested positive for COVID-19 or received a COVID-19 vaccine, you can still donate blood. If you received a vaccine you will need to know the manufacturer name when you donate. In most cases there is no deferral time for individuals who have received a vaccine as long as they are feeling well at the time of donation. There is a deferral time of 14 days for those who test positive for COVID-19 or show compatible symptoms.

FDA Approval for the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine: Spikevax

On Jan 31, 2022 the [FDA announced](#) the second approval of a COVID-19 vaccine in addition Pfizer-BioNTech 's Comirnaty mRNA vaccine. Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine will now be marketed as "Spikevax" for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older.

Spikevax contains the same formula as the EUA Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and is administered as a primary series of two doses, 28 days apart. It has also been approved as a third primary series dose (third dose) for immunocompromised individuals over the age of 18 and as a single booster dose for those over the age of 18 at least 5 months after completing their primary series. Spikevax can be used interchangeably with the EUA Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is also authorized for use as a heterologous (mix and match) single booster for those over the age of 18 following completion of a primary series with a different available COVID-19 vaccine. For example, Pfizer and J&J vaccine recipients would be able to receive a single booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

To learn more about Spikevax, visit the FDA website for [Fact Sheets & FAQ](#), [Fact Sheet Translations](#), and more information in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

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Resources and Links

COVID-19 Case Graphs per Municipality – Case counts come directly from raw data imported from Commcare by the Bernards Township Health Department

Somerset County

- [Bernards Township](#)
- [Bernardsville Borough](#)
- [Peapack and Gladstone Boroughs](#)

Morris County

- [Chester Borough](#)
- [Long Hill Township](#)
- [Mendham Borough](#)

COVID-19 Weekly State Reports

Provides data on COVID-19 transmission by six regions in NJ:
- Updated every Thursday.
- Used to determine school exclusion and other re-openings.

This week NJ is overall: **HIGH**

Central West (Somerset): **HIGH**

Northwest (Morris): **HIGH**

Click [here](#) to view this week's report ending 1/29/22

[NJ COVID-19 Variant Surveillance Report Week 2](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

- <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>
- <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine>
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ](#)
- [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#)
- [Docket App](#)
- [V-Safe After Vaccine Health Checker](#)

COVID-19 Variant Information

- [CDC Variant Classifications & Definitions](#)
- [World Health Organization VOI/VOC Monitoring](#)
- [NJDOH COVID-19 Variant FAQs](#)

New Jersey COVID-19 Resources

- <https://covid19.nj.gov/> - Visit this webpage to get information on all things COVID-19 in New Jersey.
- COVID-19 New Jersey Dashboard [here](#). Includes vaccination overview, hospital census, case and mortality summaries, school data, contact tracing data, long-term care information, veteran's memorial homes, state psychiatric hospitals and Cases by Municipality Data (Municipalities with populations over 20K)
- Somerset County NJ COVID-19 Status Dashboard available [here](#). [More information here.](#)
- Morris County NJ COVID-19 Status Dashboard available [here](#).
- Phone/Text Lines:
 - For COVID-19 Vaccination & Testing - 1-855-568-0545 (8am-8pm)
 - For Medical COVID-19 Questions - 1-800-962-1253
 - Text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive alerts.
 - Download COVID Alert NJ app [here](#).
- **Mental Health Resources**
 - **NJ Hopeline - [24/7 Suicide Prevention Hotline](#) 1-855-654-6735**
 - **NJ Mental Health Cares Hotline** - Support from stress and anxiety dealing with COVID-19 **866-202-HELP(4357)**
- **NJ COVID-19 Testing sites** - [click here](#) for the most up to date information.
 - **Morris County** – [Click here for Morris County Testing Locations.](#)
 - **Somerset County** – [Click here for Somerset County Testing Locations.](#)
 - [Order free PCR test kits in NJ](#)
 - [Order 4 free Rapid Antigen test kits from the US Government](#)

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