

Health Education / Youth Services Coordinator Report

June 2022

Testing Clinics/ Screening Programs

- Continuing COVID-19 testing every week.
 - June 9: COVID-19 PCR Testing at Bernards Township Community Center. 7 people tested using PCR tests. Zero (0) individuals were positive for COVID-19 (0%).
 - June 16: COVID-19 PCR Testing at Bernards Township Community Center. 9 people tested using PCR tests. Four (4) individuals were positive for COVID-19 (44.4%).
 - June 23: COVID-19 PCR Testing at Bernards Township Community Center. 18 people tested using PCR tests. One (1) individual was positive for COVID-19 (5.6%).
 - June 30: COVID-19 PCR Testing at Bernards Township Community Center. 10 people tested using PCR tests. One (1) individual was positive for COVID-19 (10%).

COVID-19 Mitigation

- The Vulnerable Populations Outreach Coordinator (VPOC) continues to work to identify the vulnerable populations in our jurisdictions and identifying gaps to help address the needs of COVID-19 positive and exposed persons:
 - Coordinating homebound vaccinations for individuals who are bedridden and/or disabled
 - Continuing to catalog a list of available resources to help vulnerable populations access critical resources such as social services, mental health services, and general healthcare. Also includes access to resources like food banks, mental health services, visiting nurses, telehealth solutions, and other community programs.
 - Prioritizing COVID-19 response initiatives such as weekly COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinics.
 - Regularly monitoring COVID-19 related data received through testing and contact tracing.
 - Working with other local health department VPOCs in NJ to create collaborative opportunities and resources through monthly meetings.
 - Collaborating with local faith-based organizations to implement COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinics in underserved communities, as well as preventative health initiatives
- **Vaccination Efforts**
 - Vaccine clinics were conducted throughout June at Saint James Church. Pediatric Pfizer (5-11) was offered on Mondays. Pfizer for 12+ and Moderna for 18+ were offered on Tuesdays.
 - Contacting volunteers as needed according to skills and vaccine demand. We have utilized licensed medical professional volunteers, as well as Spanish-speaking volunteers.
 - Staff responsibilities for vaccination clinics are continuously discussed as vaccine supply and demand change.
 - Clinic supplies have been assessed and prepared to ensure we can continue vaccination efforts. The Public Health Nurse is ordering supplies and maintaining inventory.
 - Currently receiving vaccine allocations as requested for Pfizer, Pediatric Pfizer 5-11, and Moderna.
 - June COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic List – 106 vaccinations were given at the following clinics:
 - June 7 – 20 Moderna, 18 Pfizer
 - June 13 – 22 Pediatric (5-11) Pfizer
 - June 14 – 9 Moderna, 11 Pfizer
 - June 28 – 4 Moderna, 10 Pfizer

- Additionally, the Public Health Nurse provided vaccinations to the homebound population on June 14 and June 28. Twelve (12) vaccinations were administered.
- Monitoring COVID daily reporting at local long-term care facilities. Acting as a liaison between the state and facilities as needed.
- Significant time daily has been spent talking to multiple school districts and preschools, nurses, parents, sports teams and leagues, senior housing, businesses, etc. about COVID-19 infections and close contacts advising them who, when, and how isolation and quarantine must take place. We study guidance daily as it changes and attend daily/weekly conference calls on COVID-19 mitigation and procedures to implement with various community health partners and the NJDOH.
- Weekly COVID-19 NJ Office of Local Public Health calls and distribution of new info to staff.
- Staying up to date on the COVID-19 vaccination process in New Jersey via weekly State led vaccinator calls.
- Follow-up on contact-tracing in CDRSS conducted by staff. Statistics compiled on COVID-19 infections.
- An outdoor picnic luncheon was held June 2 to thank our dedicated Covid-19 Health Department volunteers.

Health Education

- A nutrition education program was held June 9 at 6pm at the Bernards Twp Library. Elisa England and Ellen Petrosino, both Registered Dietitians, spoke about Fighting Inflammation: The Power of Food. They brought food samples and performed a cooking demonstration. 32 community members attended the session.
- Registration for the July 12th Skin Cancer Screening opened on June 14th. Interested residents may call the Health Department for an appointment.
- "ATOD & LGBTQ+: The Rainbow Connection", an online Zoom workshop hosted by the Bernards Township Health Department, Municipal Alliance, Youth Services Commission and the Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute took place for community members on June 7th at 6:30 pm. This program covered gender, sexuality, and how mental health issues and substance misuse disorders disproportionately affect LGBTQ+ populations.
- Bi-monthly COVID-19 updates ended June 1st and the e-newsletter "Health Matters" have returned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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