

Health Education / Youth Services Coordinator Report

March 2022

Testing Clinics/ Screening Programs

- Continuing COVID-19 testing every week.
 - March 3: COVID-19 PCR Testing at Bernards Township Community Center. 17 people tested using PCR tests. One (1) individual was positive for COVID-19 (5.9%).
 - March 10: COVID-19 PCR Testing at Bernards Township Community Center. 13 people tested using PCR tests. Zero (0) individuals were positive for COVID-19 (0%).
 - March 17: COVID-19 PCR Testing at Bernards Township Community Center. 14 people tested using PCR tests. Two (2) individuals were positive for COVID-19 (14.3%).
 - March 24: COVID-19 PCR Testing at Bernards Township Community Center. 15 people tested using PCR tests. One (1) individual was positive for COVID-19 (6.7%).
 - March 31: 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%).

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 March at Saint James Church. Pediatric Pfizer was offered on Mondays, Pfizer for 12+, Moderna, and J&J were offered on Tuesdays.
 - Contacting volunteers as needed according to skills. 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, J&J, and Moderna.
 - March COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic List – 46 vaccinations were given at the following clinics:
 - March 1 – St. James: 1 J&J, 1 Moderna, 5 Pfizer
 - March 15 – St. James: 3 J&J, 3 Moderna, 10 Pfizer
 - March 21 – St. James: 5 Pediatric Pfizer
 - March 22 – St. James: 3 Moderna, 5 Pfizer
 - March 29 – St. James: 1 J&J, 5 Pfizer
 - Additionally, the Public Health Nurse provided vaccinations to the homebound population on March 1 and March 22. Four (4) 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 daily State led vaccinator calls.
- Continuing to release bi-monthly updates on COVID-19 via RAVE in Bernards Township and to individual entities in other towns. As of April 5th there have been 103 updates.
- Follow-up on contact-tracing in CDRSS conducted by staff. Statistics compiled on COVID-19 infections.

Health Education

- A Skin Cancer Screening will be held on July 12th. Registration will open in early June. More information will be shared soon.
- The Health Department is looking to offer a nutrition education program. More information will be shared soon.

Respectfully Submitted,



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