



## BERNARDS TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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# 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019) Weekly Update #100 - February 10, 2022

### Bernards Township COVID-19 Testing Clinics:

**St. Bernards Church**  
88 Claremont Rd, BV

- Self administered PCR
- Must provide email to register
- Results within 24-48 hours
- **FREE** - No cost or insurance
- Walk-ins welcome

**Saturday 2/12 9am-2pm**

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

[Register for 2/12](#)



**BT Community Center**  
289 South Maple Ave, BR

- Nurse administered PCR
- Bring ID and insurance  
No co-pay or cost
- Results by email, text or phone call within 48-72 hours
- Need assistance with results? Email  
[wellcarecovidtesting@gmail.com](mailto:wellcarecovidtesting@gmail.com)
- Walk-ins welcome

**Thursday 2/17 9am-4pm**

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

[Register for 2/17](#)

### 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 28th**

*1st and 2nd doses available*

**Pfizer (12+) - Tues, Feb 15th**

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

**Moderna and J&J - Tues, Feb 15th**

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

Visit [www.bernardshealth.org](http://www.bernardshealth.org) to register and learn more.



### Updated School Masking and Childcare Guidance

Governor Murphy [has announced](#) that masks and facial coverings will no longer be mandated for students, staff or visitors in schools and childcare centers effective March 7, 2022. Prior to the mandate being lifted, the NJDOH will release guidance to help school districts update their policies to align with the unique needs of their setting and school population.

The NJDOH also updated [“COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Operating Childcare Programs”](#) to align with the current CDC isolation/quarantine guidance.

### Updated Guidance for COVID-19 Home Based/Self-Tests

On Feb 3rd the NJDOH updated considerations for COVID-19 home-based/self tests. While home-based tests offer accessible and affordable testing options, results may be difficult to interpret and leaves public health action to the test taker.



Persons who test positive for COVID-19 should notify their healthcare provider or local health department if they are concerned about their health or have questions on what they should do to protect those around them. Most importantly, they should **immediately isolate** away from others, **notify** their **close contacts** and if applicable, **notify** their worksite, school or daycare so that precautions can be taken.

There are also several instances where home-based testing needs special attention. When **ruling out** COVID-19 infection with compatible symptoms or having had close contact with a positive individual, a single negative self test **should not** be considered sufficient to rule out infection and return to normal activities. After a negative self-test, the symptomatic individual/close contact should take a **second** self-test at least **24 hours** after the first one or seek a test administered by a healthcare professional (antigen/rapid or PCR test).

Other considerations should be taken for previously positive (in the last 90 days) individuals looking to be exempt from quarantine. If a **positive self-test was reported at the time it was taken** to public health, a healthcare provider, the individuals employer or school—and the test result can be verified by that agency, the individual would not need to be tested again or quarantine for 90 days after the positive results. If the positive self-test cannot be verified, the individual would have to quarantine. For example, if a school-age child tests positive for COVID-19 and their parent or caregiver contacts the school to **report the positive result at the time it was taken**, that child would not have to quarantine for 90 days after the positive result. If the school is **not notified at the time the test was taken** and the school cannot verify the positive result, the **child may have to quarantine**.

For more guidance regarding home-based and self administered COVID-19 testing, [check out the full guidance here](#). Full guidance includes resources for self-testing and other instances where special considerations should be taken when self-testing.

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## 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019)

### 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: **MODERATE**

Central West (Somerset): **MODERATE**

Northwest (Morris): **MODERATE**

Click [here](#) to view this week's report ending 2/5/22

[NJ COVID-19 Variant Surveillance Report Week 3](#)

#### **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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