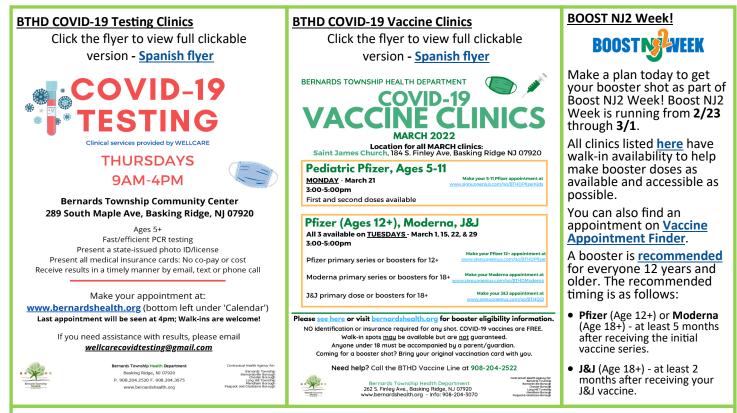


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# 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019) Weekly Update #101 - February 24, 2022



## Updated K-12 and Childcare COVID-19 Guidance

With the state's school mask mandate set to expire on March 7th, the NJDOH has issued updated public health recommendations for <u>K-12 settings</u> and <u>childcare programs</u>. School districts and school boards, as well as childcare centers should consult with their local health department and school nurses to determine whether a universal masking policy is appropriate for their schools and childcare centers. Many factors should be considered while making masking decisions including a facility's ability to maintain physical distancing, screen students for COVID-19, performing contact tracing, excluding students or staff who have been exposed and maintaining adequate ventilation. Vaccination rates of students and staff should also be considered. For schools and childcare centers that choose not to implement a universal masking policy, the NJDOH recommends that they require masks in the following circumstances:

- During periods of elevated community transmission—when the CALI score is high (orange) masking should be strongly considered, and when the CALI score is very high (red) masking should be required.
- During an active outbreak, if indicated based on consultation with the local health department.
- After returning from isolation or quarantine children and staff who return to school during days 6-10 or isolation or quarantine should be required to mask. This also applies to childcare centers for children ages 2 and older and children under 2 should remain home for 10 days.
- When illness occurs in schools or childcare centers, children or staff who become ill with COVID-19 symptoms should wear a mask until they leave the premises.
- During Test to Stay Students participating in Test to Stay modified quarantine program should be required to mask.

Masks must be worn by all passengers on buses, including school buses, regardless of vaccination status per the Federal Order by the CDC. Until lifted, the only exception is for children under the age of 2 and those that cannot safely wear a mask.

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# 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019) Resources and Links

<u>COVID-19 Case Graphs per Municipality</u> – Case counts come directly from raw data imported from Commcare by the Bernards Township Health Department	
Somerset County - <u>Bernards Township</u> - <u>Bernardsville Borough</u> - <u>Peapack and Gladstone Boroughs</u>	Morris County - <u>Chester Borough</u> - <u>Long Hill Township</u> - <u>Mendham Borough</u>
COVID-19 Weekly State Reports	COVID-19 Vaccine Resources
<ul> <li>Provides data on COVID-19 transmission by six regions in NJ:</li> <li>Updated every Thursday.</li> <li>Used to determine school exclusion and other re-openings.</li> <li>This week NJ is overall: MODERATE</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/</u></li> <li><u>https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine</u></li> <li><u>CDC COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ</u></li> <li><u>Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System</u></li> <li><u>Docket App</u></li> <li><u>V-Safe After Vaccine Health Checker</u></li> </ul>
Central West (Somerset): MODERATE	COVID-19 Variant Information
Northwest (Morris): MODERATE Click <u>here</u> to view this week's report ending 2/19/22 <u>NJ COVID-19 Variant Surveillance Report Week 5</u>	<ul> <li><u>CDC Variant Classifications &amp; Definitions</u></li> <li><u>World Health Organization VOI/VOC Monitoring</u></li> <li><u>NJDOH COVID-19 Variant FAQs</u></li> </ul>
New Jersey COVID-19 Resources	
<ul> <li><u>https://covid19.nj.gov/</u> - Visit this webpage to get information on all things COVID-19 in New Jersey.</li> <li>COVID-19 New Jersey Dashboard <u>here</u>. Includes vaccination overview, hospital census, case and mortality</li> </ul>	

- COVID-19 New Jersey Dashboard <u>nere</u>. 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 <u>here</u>. <u>More information here</u>.
- Morris County NJ COVID-19 Status Dashboard available <u>here</u>.
- 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 <u>click here</u> for the most up to date information.
  - Morris County Click here for Morris County Testing Locations.
  - Somerset County <u>Click here for Somerset County Testing Locations.</u>
  - Order free PCR test kits in NJ
  - Order 4 free Rapid Antigen test kits from the US Government

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