

# Monthly Newsletter

*Bloomfield Department of Health & Human Services (BDHHS)*

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## What's Going on in Public Health?

### Here's What You Need to Know:

#### Working to Increase New Jersey Vaccination Rates

In June, New Jersey reached the goal of 70% fully vaccinated adults with over 5.1 million adults vaccinated. Below are the rates of fully vaccinated adults in our local towns:

- Cranford - 79%
- Springfield - 76%

More data is available on the [New Jersey COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

Although most adults in NJ have been vaccinated, many have not yet gotten the shot. In addition to concerns about safety and development, many people face difficult barriers to accessing the shot. Black and Latinx people are disproportionately affected by barriers. It is important to raise awareness that the vaccines are free, available regardless of insurance or immigration status, and that there are free transportation options which can be found at [NJ211.org](#).

BDHHS is working to increase vaccination access by providing accurate health information and resources. BDHHS is now administering the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine to residents aged 18 or older for free.

BDHHS held six vaccination clinics during June and July. No ID, proof of residency, or health insurance is needed to get the shot. The shot is always FREE. For updates on clinics and for resources, follow us on social media or visit our webpage: [www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/1527/COVID-19-Information](http://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/1527/COVID-19-Information).

BDHHS Nurses can provide home vaccination for individuals who cannot leave their homes for residents of Bloomfield, Caldwell and Glen Ridge. If you need more information, please call the Nursing Division at (973)-680-4058.





# August is National National Immunization Awareness Month

## Use this Check list to Catch Up on Routine Vaccines for Back-to-School

Routine childhood vaccinations prevent diseases because they help build immunity. Doctors and nurses can safely administer vaccinations, even during the pandemic.

### Recommended Vaccines Checklist



#### Childcare, Preschool & Elementary School:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chickenpox (varicella)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Polio (IPV)                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Influenza (flu)*                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal (PVC)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis A- Recommended                  |  |

#### Middle & High School:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chickenpox (varicella)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Polio (IPV)                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Meningococcal                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human papillomavirus (HPV)- Recommended         | <input type="checkbox"/> Influenza (flu)- Recommended  |

\*Vaccine required for children between 6 through 59 months old that attend child care or preschool. Children must receive this vaccine between September 1st and December 31st every year.

Learn more from about the New Jersey Department of Health Immunization requirements for school: [state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/cdpr/immune.shtml](https://state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/cdpr/immune.shtml)

### COVID-19 Back-to-School Guidelines

NJ Department of Health and NJ Department of Education released guidance for in-person learning resuming this fall. To read the guidance, visit: [www.nj.gov/education/roadforward](https://www.nj.gov/education/roadforward).

Although COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, children under age 12 cannot yet be vaccinated. Vaccination is encouraged among children over age 12 and school staff to keep schools safe. Children aged 12 and older can receive the Pfizer vaccine. The vaccine is safe, effective, and available for free. To find the vaccine for your child, visit: [ucnj.org/covid19/vaccinations-page/](https://ucnj.org/covid19/vaccinations-page/).

For More Information Visit:  
[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/growing/school-vaccinations.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/growing/school-vaccinations.html)



## How do I know which sources of COVID-19 vaccine information are accurate?

- Before considering vaccine information on the internet, check that the information comes from a credible source ( .gov, .org, .edu).
- Governmental and collegiate -web content is based on peer-reviewed science.

## Who is eligible for the vaccine next?

- As of May 12, all New Jerseyans 12 years or older are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine. Find more information at <https://covid19.nj.gov/> or call the Vaccine Call Center 1(855)568-0545 for assistance.
- You can get a vaccine regardless of your immigration or insurance status

## Union County Information

### WHERE CAN RESIDENTS REGISTER FOR THEIR VACCINE?

Please visit [ucnjvaccine.org](https://ucnjvaccine.org) to schedule your vaccine and see future mobile units. Or, call 908-518-4307 for scheduling. You will receive follow-up instructions via text message or email.

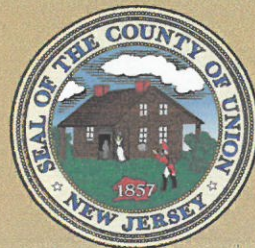
Individuals can also register through NJ Vaccine Scheduling System (NJVSS) at <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>

Please be mindful that the registration processes take time to develop expanding program participants and every effort is made to implement vaccinations in an expeditious manner.

For more information on vaccination distribution and general COVID inquiries: <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information> OR call 2-1-1 (24/7).

To schedule a COVID-19 test, vaccine or learn more information on prevention and protection please visit the Union County website listed below.

<https://ucnj.org/covid19/>



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