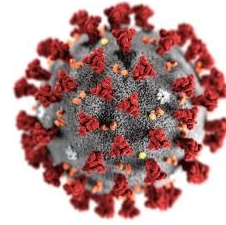




Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update April 16, 2021



The Department of Health reports 59 new cases of COVID-19 in Westfield from April 9-15. Of these cases:

- 19 had a positive household contact
- 15 had no known exposure
- 13 were unable to be reached
- 6 had a known exposure
- 2 remain under investigation
- 2 refused to be interviewed
- 1 was exposed at work
- 1 was associated with travel

The ages of this week's cases ranged from 2 to 92 years old, broken down as follows:

- Age 9 and under: 7 cases
- Age 10-19: 17 cases
- Age 20-29: 7 cases
- Age 30-39: 5 cases
- Age 40-49: 5 cases
- Age 50-59: 14 cases
- Age 60-69: 1 case
- Age 70-79: 2 cases
- Age 80-89: no cases
- Age 90 and above: 1 case

Regional Health Officer Megan Avallone reports that this week, New Jersey ranks third in the nation in per capita confirmed COVID cases, with high activity levels reported in all regions except one. Our region (Central East) remains a high area of activity, with Westfield reporting a moderate level. The most highly impacted age group remains between 10 and 19 this week, representing 29% of the newly reported cases.

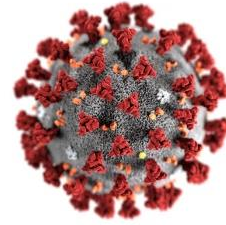
The State's seven-day average for new confirmed cases is down 9% from a week ago and about even from a month ago. The statewide rate of transmission is now .91.

Statewide, vaccination rates are up 7% over last week's rate, with an average of 107.4K shots administered per day. As of April 15, more than 3.6 million New Jersey residents have been vaccinated with at least one dose (41% of the total population), and more than 2.3 million New Jerseyans have been fully vaccinated (26% of the total population).

In Union County, 204,884 residents (36.8% of the total population) have received one dose, and 119,479 (21.4% of the total population) are fully vaccinated. 310,273 shots have been administered, and the vaccination rate increased by 46% over last week's rate.



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Nationally, more than three million vaccinations were reported during multiple days this week, and 23.6% of the US population is now fully vaccinated.

As you know, the CDC and FDA have paused all J&J vaccine administration while they investigate several cases of severe blood clots after vaccination. Unfortunately, this means that our homebound vaccination program is also on pause until the Health Department receives more information and further instruction. In the interim, they are exploring the possibility of obtaining an allocation of Moderna vaccine in the hopes of continuing the homebound program.

On Monday, vaccine eligibility expands to all individuals 16 and older in New Jersey, which is great news as we work toward reaching the state's goal of vaccinating 70% of adults (4.7 million New Jerseyans) by the end of June. If you are eligible, please get vaccinated.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!