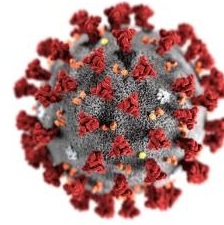




Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update May 14, 2021



The Department of Health reports 16 new cases of COVID-19 in Westfield from May 7-13. The ages of this week's cases ranged from 4 to 68 years old, broken down as follows:

- Age 9 and under: 3 cases
- Age 10-19: 5 cases
- Age 20-29: 1 case
- Age 30-39: 1 case
- Age 40-49: 2 cases
- Age 50-59: 3 cases
- Age 60-69: 1 case
- Age 70-79: no cases
- Age 80-89: no cases
- Age 90 and above: no cases

Today, Governor Murphy announced that masks will continue to be required in indoor public spaces in New Jersey, regardless of vaccination status. He indicated that he expects this to change in the coming weeks, given the ongoing significant progress within the state. Those who are fully vaccinated in the state no longer need to wear a mask outside, and those who aren't vaccinated are strongly encouraged to keep wearing masks when social distancing isn't possible.

Regional Health Officer Megan Avallone reports that the state remains at a moderate transmission level. New Jersey currently has the fourth lowest case count per capita of any U.S. state, and had the sharpest case drop of any U.S. state over the past 14 days (-78%) -- a remarkable improvement! In Westfield, the most highly impacted age group remains between 10 and 19 this week, representing 31% of the newly reported cases.

The state's seven-day average for new confirmed cases is down 37% from a week ago and down 73% from a month ago -- at its lowest level since October 12. The statewide rate of transmission is now .84.

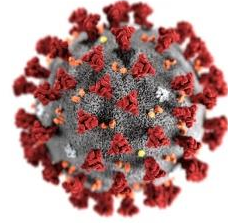
Statewide, vaccination rates have increased 4% from last week's rate, with an average of 68.4K administered per day. As of May 13, more than 3.7 million New Jersey residents are fully vaccinated, and 64.3% of the eligible population (12 and older) and 55% of the entire New Jersey population has received at least one dose of vaccine.

In Union County, 263,156 residents (47% of the total population) have received one dose of vaccine, and 206,579 (37% of the total population) are fully vaccinated.

In Westfield, as of May 13, 90% of those 65 and older, 83% of the adult population (18+), and 61% of the entire population has been vaccinated with at least one dose. In terms of those fully vaccinated, the data shows 83% of those 65 and older, 68% of adults (18+), and 49% of the entire population. This is incredibly good news, and I want to thank you for doing your part. As you know, this week the Pfizer vaccine has been authorized for ages 12-15. The mega sites in New Jersey and all vaccination sites that carry Pfizer have been instructed to start seeing children 12 and above effective immediately. The



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Morris County mega site has also extended its hours to make it more convenient for working parents.

The Health Department is continuing its effort to make vaccinations as easy as possible. They will go to your home if you are homebound, and will also go to community settings to vaccinate. For more information on this program, call 908-789-4070.

The full update detailing other topics in Town is available [here](#).