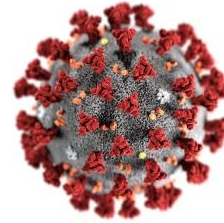




Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update September 10, 2021



Today, the CDC shared three new studies reporting that COVID-19 vaccines still significantly reduce the risk of hospitalization and death amid the surge in the Delta variant. Among all three studies, vaccines remained 86-87% effective against COVID-19 hospitalizations. In addition, unvaccinated individuals are 10 times more likely to be hospitalized and 11 times more likely to die than those who are vaccinated against COVID.

Regional Health Officer Megan Avallone reports that two of the six regions in New Jersey (including our Central East region) are showing high levels of activity. All 21 of New Jersey's counties are listed as having high rates of coronavirus transmission. The Delta variant accounted for 99.7% of the most recent case samples statewide in the week ending August 21.

Locally, 47 cases were identified in Westfield between September 3 and September 9.

136 cases were identified in Westfield during the month of August, up from 48 cases in July. Of these 136 cases, the age ranges are broken down as follows:

- Age 9 and under: 20 cases
- Age 10-19: 23 cases
- Age 20-29: 26 cases
- Age 30-39: 12 cases
- Age 40-49: 22 cases
- Age 50-59: 14 cases
- Age 60-69: 11 cases
- Age 70-79: 5 cases
- Age 80-89: 3 cases
- Age 90 and above: No cases

54 (39%) of these cases were in residents who were identified as being fully vaccinated. It should be noted that these breakthrough cases had mild or moderate symptoms. In addition, there were two hospitalizations reported during August (ages 83 and 86). One of these individuals was partially vaccinated and vaccination status is unknown for the other. 42 (30%) of the cases received in August were in individuals under 18.

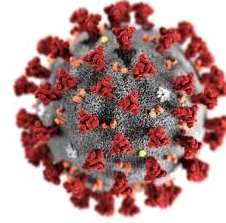
I'm also saddened to report an additional death -- 73 year-old unvaccinated resident. This resident passed in April, but was just reported to us last week.

The state's seven-day average for new confirmed cases is up 2% from a week ago and up 39% from a month ago, and the statewide transmission rate is 1.01.

Statewide, vaccination rates have decreased 25% from last week's rate, with an average of 17.2K doses administered per day. More than 5.6 million New Jersey residents are fully vaccinated.



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In Union County, 385,926 (69% of the total population) have received one dose of vaccine, and 340,505 (61% of the total population) are fully vaccinated.

In Westfield, 97% of those 65 and older, 96% of those 30 and older, 98% of the adult population (18+), and 78% of the entire population has been vaccinated with at least one dose. Fortunately, the percentage of fully vaccinated residents continues to increase, reflecting 92% of those 65 and older, 91% of those 30 and older, 92% of adults (18+), and 73% of the entire population.

The New Jersey Department of Health reports that 65% of Westfield 12-17 year-olds have received at least one dose of vaccine.

Local immunization outreach is in full swing, as the Health Department continues to meet people where they are for vaccinations. In total, they administered 82 COVID vaccinations during the month of August (up from 43 in July). They also held eight clinics throughout the month for residents and continue to offer home and office visits as well for those 12 and above. They have started to offer third doses for those who are immunocompromised and will offer booster doses when authorized to do so.

As a reminder, any resident interested in receiving the vaccine can call 908-789-4070.

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