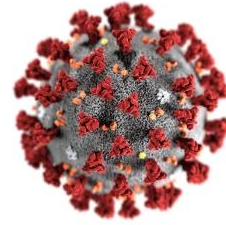




Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update November 5, 2021



On Tuesday, the CDC Director issued a final approval for use of the Pfizer vaccine in children ages 5 to 11, a huge milestone in the effort to end the pandemic. 1 in 500 Americans have been lost to COVID; in Union County that number is 1 in 275. 1 in 7 Union County residents have tested positive for COVID.

Regional Health Officer Megan Avallone reports that, once again, one of the six regions in New Jersey (our Central East region) is showing high levels of activity.

For the month of October, there were 93 cases identified in Westfield (down from 177 in September). The age ranges are broken down as follows:

- Age 9 and under: 15 cases
- Age 10-19: 15 cases
- Age 20-29: 11 cases
- Age 30-39: 13 cases
- Age 40-49: 15 cases
- Age 50-59: 13 cases
- Age 60-69: 5 cases
- Age 70-79: 4 cases
- Age 80-89: 2 cases
- Age 90 and above: No cases

The state's seven-day average for new confirmed cases is down 8% from a week ago and 30% from a month ago, the lowest since August 4. The statewide transmission rate is 1.02.

Health officials are seeing an increase in travel associated cases, and they continue to encourage non-vaccinated residents to quarantine after travel per the CDC guidelines, especially after holiday travel.

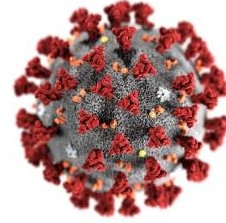
Statewide, vaccination rates have increased 33% from last week's rate, with an average of 36.4K doses administered per day. More than six million New Jersey residents are fully vaccinated.

In Union County, 367,907 individuals (66% of the total population) are fully vaccinated. In Westfield, 96% of adults and 76% of our entire population is fully vaccinated. Additional breakdowns by location and age group can be found at nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml.

The Health Department's immunization outreach continues with all three brands of vaccine. With numerous clinics held in October, in total, they administered 308 COVID vaccinations during the month (up from 99 individuals vaccinated during September). They have also provided a booster vaccination clinic to both Senior Housing complexes this month. The department is offering vaccinations in home and in the office for those 12 and above; any resident interested in receiving the vaccine can call 908-789-4070.



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Today, the department also began its pediatric vaccination campaign with a clinic at Roosevelt School. Due to overwhelming demand and a very limited initial supply, the clinic did reach full capacity before its starting time, with many eager families lining up to receive a vaccine. I realize this was very frustrating for many. However, as a public Health Department, we of course had an obligation to communicate the information widely and make the opportunity available to the entire community. As soon as we receive additional doses, we will provide the details of the next clinic. Apologies to those who were inconvenienced -- we are very thankful that you made the effort to get your children vaccinated.

The work of the Westfield Regional Health Department has been nothing short of remarkable over the course of this pandemic. Yesterday marked 20 months since New Jersey saw its first case and, in that time, the department has investigated and contact traced 11,181 cases. Our staff continues to demonstrate the utmost dedication in serving the eight communities in the region, and I am grateful every day for their professionalism.

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