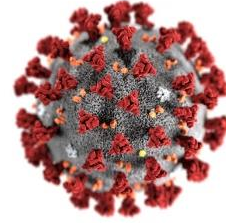




## Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update February 4, 2022



On the COVID front, the numbers continue to be encouraging as the Omicron surge further recedes. The state's seven-day average for new confirmed positive tests is down 50% from a week ago and 88% from a month ago, representing the lowest rate in nearly two months, and hospitalizations statewide are down 60% from the most recent peak on January 11. However, the number of confirmed deaths in New Jersey in the month of January was 2,380 – the most in a month since May 2020. So while we're absolutely trending in the right direction, let's not overlook the ongoing impact of this virus. Please continue to mask up in public places and get boosted if you have not already done so. Going forward, we'll shift to reporting local case numbers on a monthly basis unless other notable trends emerge that warrant more frequent updates.

According to the New Jersey Department of Health, all six regions in the state are showing high levels of activity, down from very high levels in previous weeks. Rates of transmission and positivity rates continue to decline.

For the month of January, there were 976 cases identified in Westfield (down from 1,107 in December), 383 (39%) of which were in those age 19 and younger – including 103 under age five, 12 of which were infants – and 89 cases in those age 65 and above.

Six residents were hospitalized this month, ranging in age from 29 to 79. And, sadly, there were two fatalities in individuals aged 85 and 90.

Statewide, vaccination rates have decreased by 16% from last week's rate, with an average of 25K doses administered per day. More than 6.6 million New Jersey residents are fully vaccinated, and more than 2.8 million have received third doses or boosters.

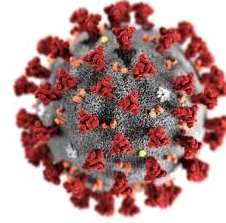
Locally, 58% of children age 5-11 in Westfield have received at least one dose of vaccine (up from 53% last month), and booster doses received by age are as follows:

Age 12-15: 25%  
Age 16-17: 41%  
Age 18-29: 55%  
Age 30-49: 67%  
Age 50-64: 70%  
Age 65-79: 79%  
Age 80+: 78%

Additional breakdowns of vaccination statistics by location and age group can be found on the [NJ COVID-19 Dashboard](#).



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The Health Department's immunization outreach continues with all three brands of vaccine, with numerous clinics held during January. In total, they administered 613 COVID vaccinations during the month (down from 2,135 individuals vaccinated during December). They are offering vaccinations in home and in the office for those age five and above, and any resident interested in receiving the vaccine can call 908-789-4070. All residents over the age of 12 who are five months past their last dose of Pfizer or Moderna, or two months past their dose of J&J, are highly encouraged to get a booster dose, as recommended by the CDC.

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