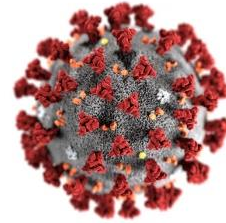




## Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update May 6, 2022



According to the New Jersey Department of Health, our region continues to show moderate COVID activity, with Westfield showing high activity locally. Health officials are continuing to monitor two newly identified versions of the BA2 variant, BA2.12 and BA2.12.1, both of which are considered even more transmissible than BA2, and have led to New Jersey experiencing a 50% increase in cases the last two weeks. With the increase in COVID activity, the Health Department would like to encourage residents to test early if they develop signs or symptoms of COVID.

The state's average for daily confirmed cases is up 20% from a week ago, and up 133% from a month ago. The rate of transmission is currently 1.2. Union County had an average of 173 daily reported cases during the past two weeks. Statewide, New Jersey averaged 592 hospitalizations during the past two weeks, which is a 28% increase from the two weeks prior. Overlook Medical Center reports thirteen patients hospitalized with COVID.

For the month of April, there were 294 COVID cases reported in Westfield (up from 127 in March). The pediatric cases can be broken down as follows:

- Under age 5: 32 cases
- Ages 5-9: 23 cases
- Ages 10-14: 22 cases
- Ages 15-19: 21 cases

Statewide, daily immunizations averaged 12.2K a day (down from 15K a day four weeks ago). Currently, 80.3% of all New Jersey residents age five and older are fully vaccinated. Additional breakdowns of vaccination statistics by location and age group can be found at [nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_dashboard.shtml](https://nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml).

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School with support from the New Jersey Health Fund is hosting "A Candid Conversation on COVID-19 Vaccines in Pediatrics and Young Adults." This zoom webinar will be held on Thursday, May 12, at 6:30 pm. More information and details on how to register can be found [here](#).

During the month of April, 322 vaccinations were given by the Health Department, and they continue to provide vaccines through home visits, pop-up clinics, and appointments (schedule at [westfieldnj.gov/vaccine-appointments](https://westfieldnj.gov/vaccine-appointments) or by calling 908-789-4070).

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