

# THE CITY OF SUMMIT

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CITY HALL 512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE SUMMIT, NJ 07901

## MEMORANDUM

January 15, 2021

### New Jersey Vaccination Information Summary

**Eligible residents can register here:** [Union County COVID-19 Vaccination Registration Website](#)

**Not eligible yet? Pre-register here:** [NJ Vaccine Scheduling System](#), and you will receive a notification when you're eligible.

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[NJ Interim COVID-19 Vaccination Plan \(PDF\)](#)

[Executive Summary: NJ Interim COVID-19 Vaccination Plan \(PDF\)](#)

[NJ COVID-19 Vaccination Plan At-A-Glance \(PDF\)](#)

New Jersey's COVID-19 [vaccination program](#) aims to:

- Provide equitable access to all who live, work, and/or are educated in New Jersey
- Achieve community protection, assuming vaccine effectiveness, availability, and uptake
- Build sustainable trust in COVID-19 and other vaccines

**Goal is to vaccinate 70 percent of the adult population, or 4.7 million adults, within six months.**

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### Vaccination Phases

Currently, vaccines are available to those who are in **Phase 1A**, which includes paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials, as well as residents and staff of long-term congregate settings.

**1/7/21 Update:** Phase 1A now includes individuals and sworn law enforcement personnel and fire professionals from Phase 1B (as of 1/7/21).

**1/13/21 Update:** Beginning Thursday 1/14/21, the following New Jersey residents are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination:

- Ages 65 years and older
- Between the ages of 16-64 with medical conditions, as defined by the [CDC](#) that increase the risk of severe illness from the virus

**If you have pre-registered on the State's vaccine [website](#), and are now eligible, you should receive an email soon directing you to make an appointment to get your first vaccine dose.**

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Once the availability expands, vaccinations will advance to include individuals in Phase 1B, then Phase 1C, and then Phase 2.

- **Phase 1B** will include frontline essential workers and other high risk groups.
- **Phase 1C** will include other essential workers, adults 65 and over, and persons aged 16-64 with medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19 as defined by the CDC.
- **Phase 2** is the general public.

*FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY:* Vaccination phases are tentative and subject to change. The movement between vaccination eligibility phases may be fluid. One phase may overlap with another. Not all individuals in each phase will be vaccinated before opening to additional groups, and not all groups within a specific phase will be made eligible to receive the vaccine at the same time.

For more information about the phased approach and priority groups, refer to [this document](#) From the NJ Department of Health.

## Vaccination Registration

**Eligible residents can sign up to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at a location near them in Union County using the new [Union County COVID-19 Vaccination Registration website](#).**

If you are unable to make an appointment on the page, it is because they have reached their appointment capacity. As more vaccines are received, more appointments will be added.

**Those who are eligible can also contact the County of Union scheduling hotline to request an appointment: 908-518-4307.**

Summit residents are advised to contact a physician for information on vaccine distribution. Private providers such as [Summit Medical Group](#), [CVS](#), [ShopRite](#) and [Walgreens](#) are waiting for vaccine supply and will administer vaccinations. Check their websites for information and to



The graphic is a purple rectangular box with a white circular seal in the background. The seal contains the text 'UNION COUNTY NEW JERSEY'. Overlaid on the seal is the text 'COVID-19 Vaccine' in large white letters, 'Online Registration System' in smaller white letters, and 'ucnj.org' in blue. Below this, the text 'Register now if you are a:' is underlined in white. A list of eligibility criteria follows, each preceded by a white checkmark:

- ✓ Health care worker or first responder
- ✓ Resident of a long-term care facility
- ✓ Aged 65 or older
- ✓ Age 16 to 64 with a chronic condition such as cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD, Down syndrome, heart disease, obesity, sickle-cell disease, Type-2 diabetes, solid organ transplant, a weakened immune system or pregnancy (consult your doctor)
- ✓ Smoker

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register. Since much of this is online, please lend assistance to your elderly friends and neighbors. Seniors may also call 908-277-2932 for assistance.

Summit Medical Group

<https://www.summitmedicalgroup.com/covid-19-patient-vaccine-program>

CVS

<https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>

Walgreens

<https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp>

ShopRite

<https://vaccines.shoprite.com>

Vaccinations will be given in two doses. Residents making reservations to receive the vaccination will receive two appointments. Residents will be asked to provide their medical insurance information, and their insurance provider will be billed \$16.94 for the first dose and \$28.39 for the second dose. If a resident does not have insurance, the cost of the vaccine will be covered by the Health Resources and Services Administration. **There will be no out-of-pocket expenses charged to residents.**

## Registering with the State of New Jersey

Alternatively, eligible individuals can register for a vaccine on the [NJ Vaccine Scheduling System](#), or by making an appointment at one of the designated sites found on [this page](#). Locations may be further away than those used through the Union County registration site above.

Those who do not qualify for Phase 1A can register on the [NJ Vaccine Scheduling System](#) and will be notified when the vaccine is available for them.

## Vaccination Rollout ([source](#))

**December:** NJ awarded over 400,000 vaccines

- Of that, approximately 120,000 doses reserved for long-term care facilities and 280,000 doses have been allocated to hospitals and community sites.
- Vaccinations began on December 15th in New Jersey hospitals for paid and unpaid persons serving in their health facilities.

**January:** NJ awarded an additional 106,000 vaccines for the first week of January.

- Of that, approximately 53,000 doses have been reserved for long-term care facilities with another 53,000 being allocated to hospitals and community sites.

Six mega sites throughout New Jersey will serve as vaccination hubs for phased priority groups, part of a critical network of over 200 sites tasked with carrying out the state's COVID-19 vaccination plan fairly and equitably. These sites will open in January and include: ([source](#))

- Atlantic County: Atlantic City Convention Center
- Bergen County: Racetrack at Meadowlands, East Rutherford
- Burlington County: Moorestown Mall (opened 1/15/21)

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- Gloucester County: Rowan College of South Jersey, Sewell (opened 1/8/21)
- Middlesex County: New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, Edison (opened 1/15/21)
- Morris County: Rockaway Townsquare (opened 1/11/21)

## Vaccination Data

[Executive Order No. 207](#) changes inclusion into the New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIS) from an opt-in to an opt-out program for any resident who chooses to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. This means that individuals who wish to be vaccinated against COVID-19 do not have to first opt-in to the system to make sure that their two-dose regimen is properly tracked and managed. 30 days after the current public health emergency ends, individuals who enrolled due to the COVID-19 vaccine will be afforded the opportunity to withdraw from the system. **The Executive Order does not force anyone to receive the vaccine.** (More info on NJIS [here](#))

## Union County Information

[Union County COVID-19 Portal](#)

[Union County COVID-19 Vaccination Registration Website](#)

The County of Union announced it will begin to offer Phase 1A Covid-19 vaccinations beginning Thursday, January 7, and in accordance with state guidelines. **Phase 1A now includes individuals and sworn law enforcement personnel and fire professionals from Phase 1B.** The County will be offering the Moderna vaccine. ([Union County COVID-19 Vaccination page](#))

**Those who qualify under Phase 1A can contact the County of Union scheduling hotline to request an appointment: 908-518-4307.**

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## Vaccine Information

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine ([source](#))

- Type of vaccine: mRNA ([more info here](#))
- Number of shots: 2 shots, 21 days apart
- Recommended for people aged 16 years and older (Emergency use authorization granted December 11)
- [Fact sheet](#) for recipients and caregivers (includes ingredient list)
- Based on evidence from clinical trials, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was 95% effective at preventing laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 illness in people without evidence of previous infection.
- [What to Expect after Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

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## Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine ([source](#))

- Type of vaccine: mRNA ([more info here](#))
- Number of shots: 2 shots, 28 days apart
- Recommended for people aged 18 years and older (Emergency use authorization granted December 18)
- [Fact sheet](#) for recipients and caregivers (includes ingredient list)
- Based on evidence from clinical trials, the Moderna vaccine was 94.1% effective at preventing laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 illness in people who received two doses who had no evidence of being previously infected.
- [What to Expect after Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

## Resources

- [Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Checklist \(PDF\)](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccination: Training and Education Materials](#)
- [CDC Long-Term Care Facility Vaccine Toolkit](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- Coronavirus 24-Hour Public Hotline: 800-222-1222
  - The State of New Jersey has set up a hotline staffed by the New Jersey Poison Control Center. Trained healthcare professionals are standing by to answer questions about coronavirus. The call is free and available 24-hours/day.