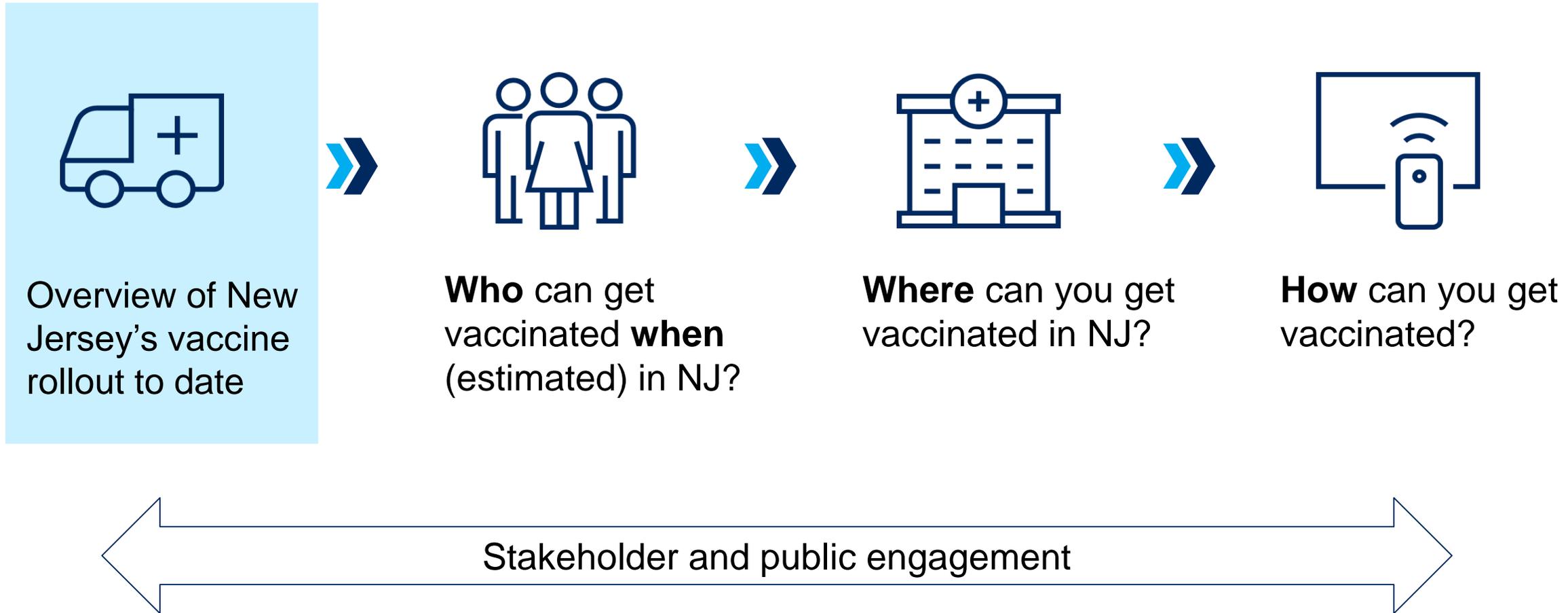


Covid-19 Vaccine Update

February 16th, 2021

Topics for discussion



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Strategic aims of New Jersey's COVID-19 vaccination program

(from New Jersey's Interim Vaccination Plan Executive Summary)



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

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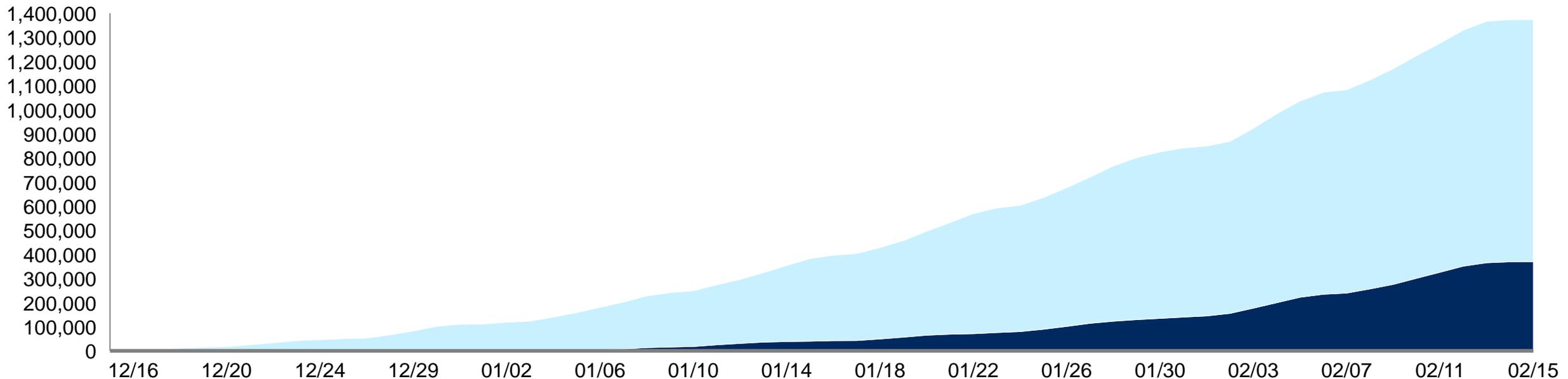
Update on vaccine roll-out

- **1,372,931 vaccines** have been administered and reported in New Jersey as of Feb 12th
 - 1,003,818 first doses and 369,113 second doses
- **~290 vaccination sites** are vaccinating across the state
- **~1,400 long-term care facilities** are being served through the federal LTC Pharmacy Partnership

- **6 State-supported mega-sites** are open
- **Over 2 million individuals** have pre-registered in the State-run registration portal to receive vaccinations
- **~7,000 stakeholders** across **>100 groups** have been engaged
- Public confidence in COVID-19 vaccines has grown from **~47% in November to ~83% in late January**

Total administrations

■ Dose 1 ■ Dose 2



Source: NJIIS

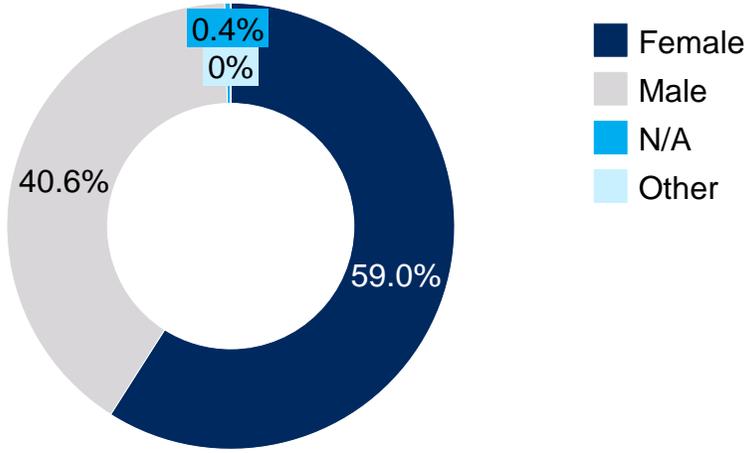
1. As reported by CVS and Walgreens independently – this is not fully reflected in total vaccinations reported in NJIIS

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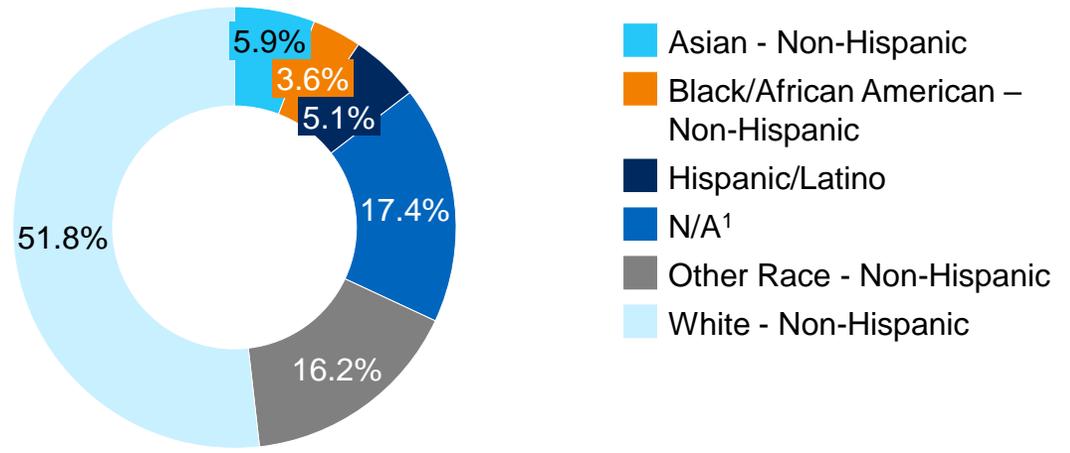


Vaccinations have been administered across different demographic groups

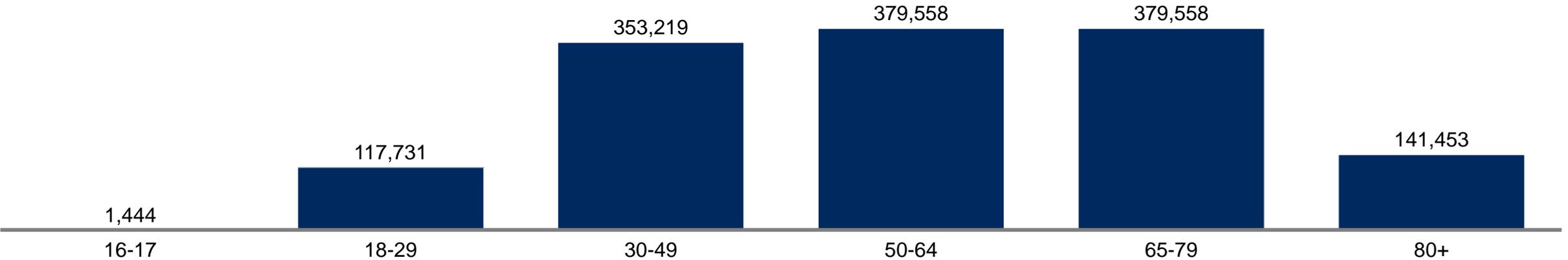
Gender Distribution



Race and Ethnicity Distribution



Age Distribution



Source: NJIIS

1. N/A includes vaccine recipients who preferred not to specify and those for whom race was reported as unknown/undetermined.

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Overview of New Jersey's vaccine rollout to date



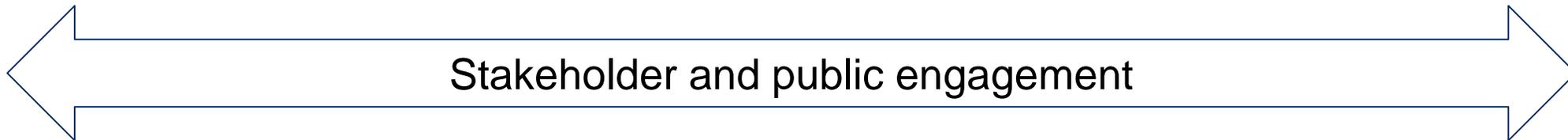
Who can get vaccinated **when** (estimated) in NJ?



Where can you get vaccinated in NJ?



How can you get vaccinated?



The following groups are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine as of January 14, 2021:

- ✓ **Paid or unpaid persons working or volunteering in a healthcare setting**
- ✓ **Residents of long-term care facilities and other congregate settings**
- ✓ **Frontline first responders**
- ✓ **Persons aged 65 and older**
- ✓ **Persons aged 16 to 64 years old who have at least one chronic medical condition that poses high-risk for severe COVID-19:**
 - Cancer
 - Chronic Kidney Disease
 - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
 - Down Syndrome
 - Heart conditions (e.g. heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies)
 - Immunocompromised (weakened immune system) due to organ transplant (consult with your doctor)
 - Obesity (e.g. body mass index of 30kg/m² or higher)
 - Pregnancy (consult with your doctor)
 - Sickle cell disease
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These groups can start making vaccination appointments. More groups will become eligible in the coming weeks.

For a list of open vaccination sites nearest to you and register for a COVID-19 vaccine visit

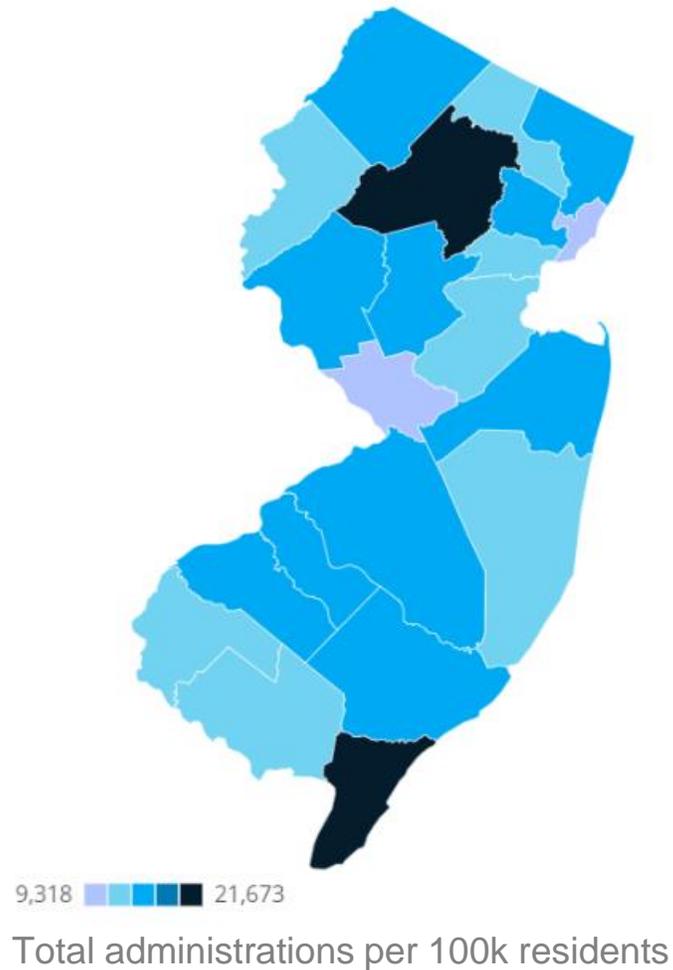
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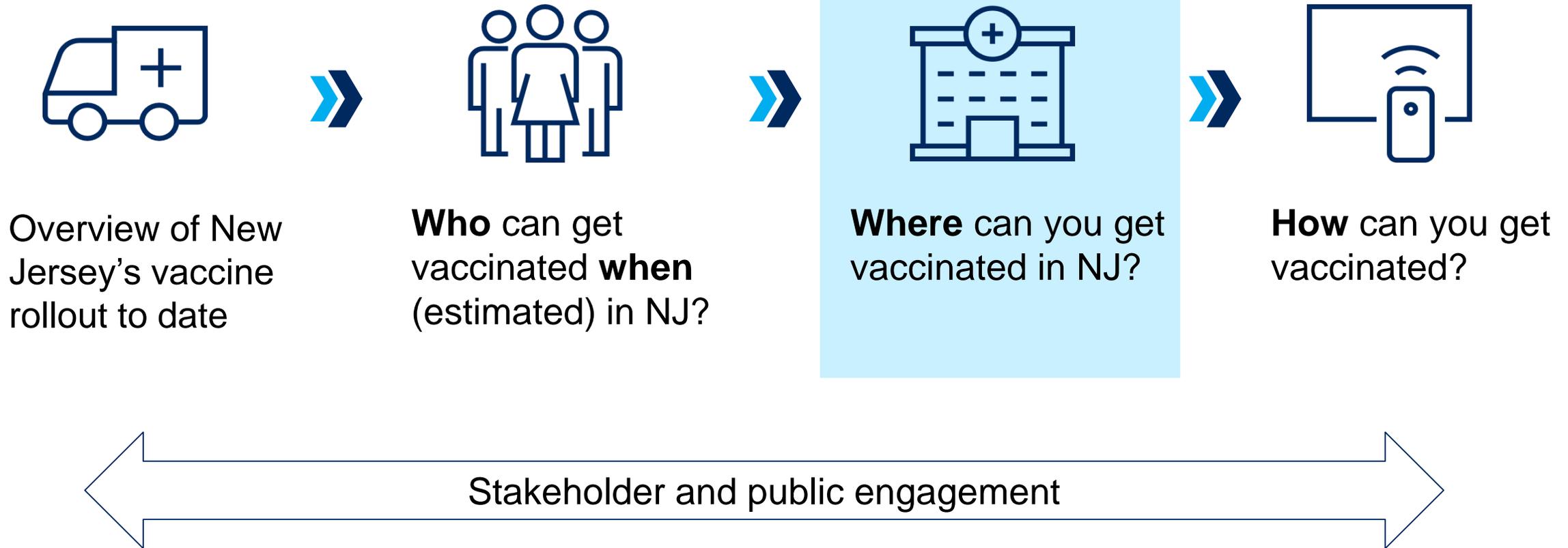
Vaccine receipts are from across the State

Administrations per 100k by Patient Residence County



County	Administrations	Admins per 100K
Cape May	19,948	21,673
Morris	100,013	20,334
Gloucester	48,626	16,674
Monmouth	102,969	16,640
Bergen	152,247	16,332
Atlantic	42,802	16,233
Burlington	71,526	16,061
Camden	80,753	15,944
Somerset	52,376	15,923
Sussex	21,453	15,270
Hunterdon	18,610	14,963
Essex	115,452	14,450
Salem	8,649	13,864
Cumberland	19,948	13,341
Ocean	80,867	13,318
Passaic	63,299	12,614
Middlesex	103,061	12,491
Warren	13,000	12,350
Union	67,158	12,071
Mercer	37,942	10,326
Hudson	62,654	9,318
Unknown	44,838	
Out Of State	44,740	

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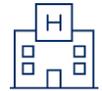


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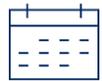
Initial Points of Dispensing sites for COVID-19 vaccination



Mega sites



Acute care hospitals



CVS / Walgreens / Others for Federally supported long-term care facilities program



Chain pharmacies



Urgent care centers



Federally Qualified Health Centers



Local Health Departments



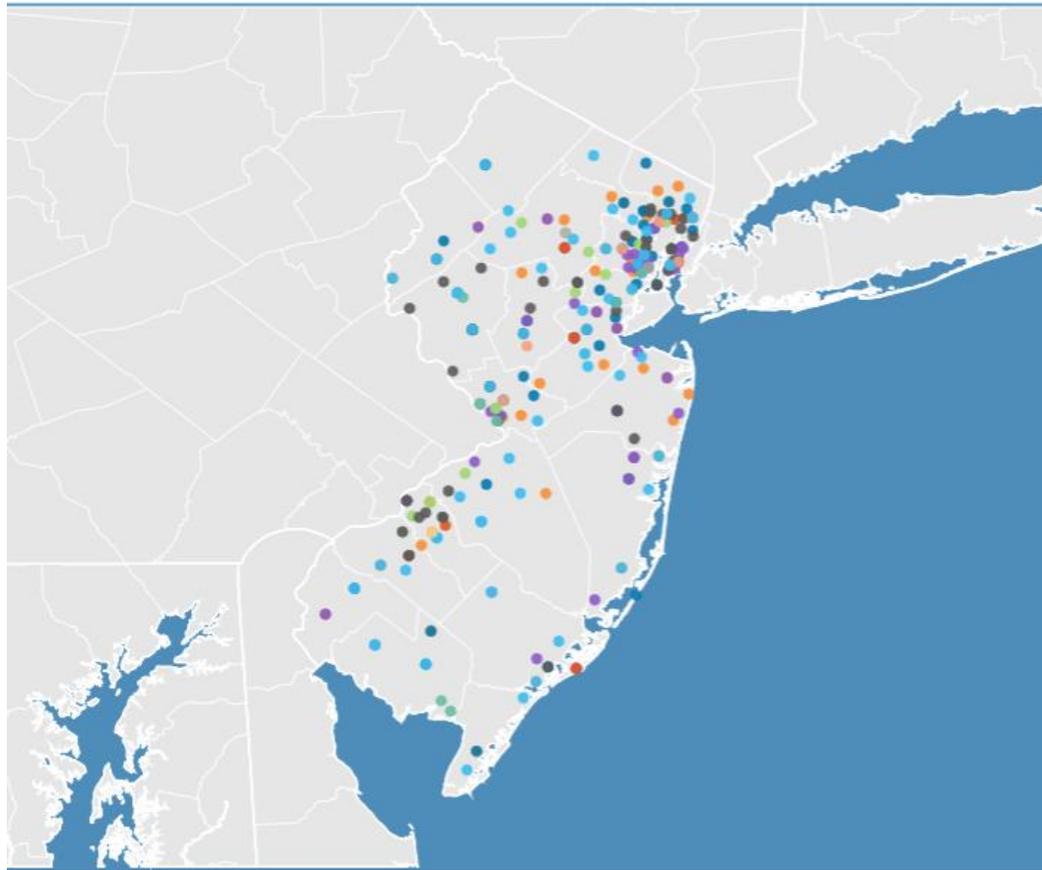
All PODS need to be equipped to do the following, among others:

- Register
- Vaccinate
- Bill
- Ensure vaccine stewardship and cold chain management
- Report

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The network of vaccination sites in the State is broad



Hospital	65
County / Local	42
FQHC site	46
Mega site	6
Urgent Care	14
Medical practice	45
Other	2
Public health clinic (other)	6
Psych hospital	4
Corrections	10
Pharmacy	54
University	1

County	Facilities
Essex	29
Hudson	27
Bergen	24
Mercer	22
Middlesex	20
Camden	18
Morris	15
Monmouth	15
Hunterdon	14
Passaic	14
Atlantic	13
Union	13
Ocean	13
Somerset	11
Burlington	11
Cumberland	9
Gloucester	8
Warren	7
Salem	4
Cape May	4
Sussex	4

There are **~290 sites**, of which **~20** are currently closed to the public¹

1. Closed sites include psych hospitals, corrections facilities, and Rite Aids
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 Source: Tiberius and NJIIS

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6 active COVID-19 vaccination mega sites across the State

COVID-19 Vaccination Mega Sites & Registration Links

Morris County Mega Site

Rockaway Townsquare (SEARS)
301 Mount Hope Ave., Rockaway 07866



<https://health.morriscountynj.gov/vaccination/>

Bergen County Mega Site

Meadowlands Complex

50 NJ-120, East Rutherford 07073 (Lot M)



<https://hackensackmeridianhealth.org/covid19/meadowlands/>

Burlington County Mega Site

Moorestown Mall (Lord & Taylor)

400 & 401 NJ-38, Moorestown 08057



<http://virtua.org/vaccine>

Middlesex County Mega Site

NJ Convention & Expo Center

97 Sunfield Ave., Edison 08837



<http://www.rwjbh.org/covid19vaccine>

Gloucester County Mega Site

Rowan College of South Jersey

1400 Tanyard Rd., Sewell 08080



<https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>

Atlantic County Mega Site

AC Convention Center

1 Convention Blvd., Atlantic City 08401



<https://vaccination.atlanticare.org>



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Vaccine recipient journey at a standard COVID-19 vaccination site



- **Vaccine recipient** registers via state website, call center, walk-up site or door-to-door program
- **Vaccine recipient** schedules appointment or walks in (including scheduling second dose)
- **DOH-developed registration platform(s)** provides link to education on the COVID-19 vaccine in multiple languages
- **DOH-developed registration platform(s)** conducts eligibility screening (medical and prioritization)



- **Registration staff** checks in recipient and inputs consumer related data
- **Registration staff/ patient navigator** provides education on the COVID-19 EUA factsheet (in multiple languages) again
- **Vaccine recipient** fills in “postcard” reminder (TBD)
- **Vaccinator/medical screener** conducts medical screening as required



- **Vaccinator** prepares vaccine doses
- **Vaccinator** administers vaccine
- **Vaccinator** inputs vaccine related data

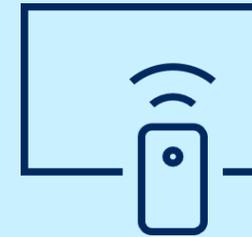


- **Vaccinator** observes for 15-30 minutes post administration



- **Observation staff** hands consumer COVID vaccination record card
- **Observation staff** provides safety information and details for adverse event reporting and scheduling second dose appointment
- **DOH-developed registration platform(s)** sends second dose reminder (e.g., call back from call center, reminder from state online registration system)

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Overview of New Jersey's vaccine rollout to date

Who can get vaccinated **when** (estimated) in NJ?

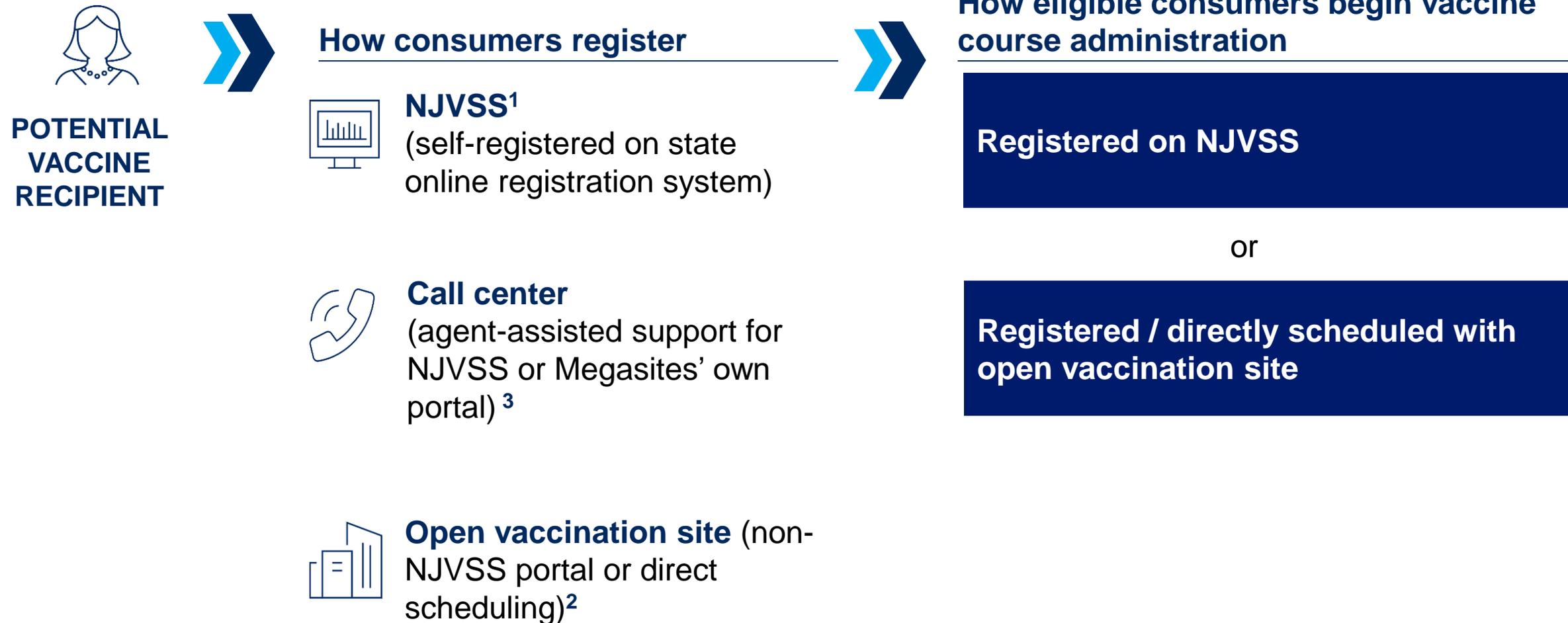
Where can you get vaccinated in NJ?

How can you get vaccinated?



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The State is supporting multiple pathways to ensure consumers are able to register for vaccines

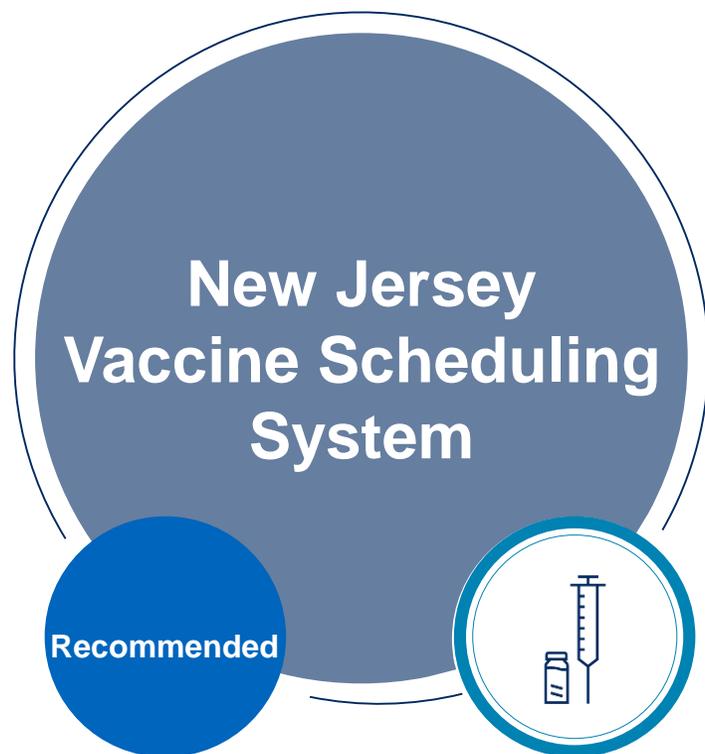


1. NJVSS: New Jersey Vaccine Scheduling System <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>

2. Some sites have separate registration/scheduling system - <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/covid-19-vaccine-locations-for-eligible-recipients> and a few may accept walk-ins (e.g., Paterson). Mobile and pop-up sites are planned.

3. Current plan is for call agents to only assist end-to-end on registrations for NJVSS and megasites that have opted in

What is the New Jersey Vaccine Scheduling System (NJVSS)?



- NJVSS has an internet portal that allows members of the public to **register for the vaccine** and then **schedule an appointment**
- The registration process **screens recipients for eligibility** and **captures critical demographic information**
- There is also a provider-facing app that allows clinics to **check in recipients** and **capture vaccine dosage information**
- Data from NJVSS is **automatically transferred to NJIS**, meaning there is no need for clinic staff to manually enter data
- NJVSS is a secure system that **providers can access using any web browser**; QR scanning technology works on **tablet and mobile devices using iOS or Android¹**
- In the coming weeks, **second dose appointments will be triggered automatically** after getting first dose administered

1. If not using a tablet or mobile device, 2-D barcode scanners will be able to be used with minor enhancements

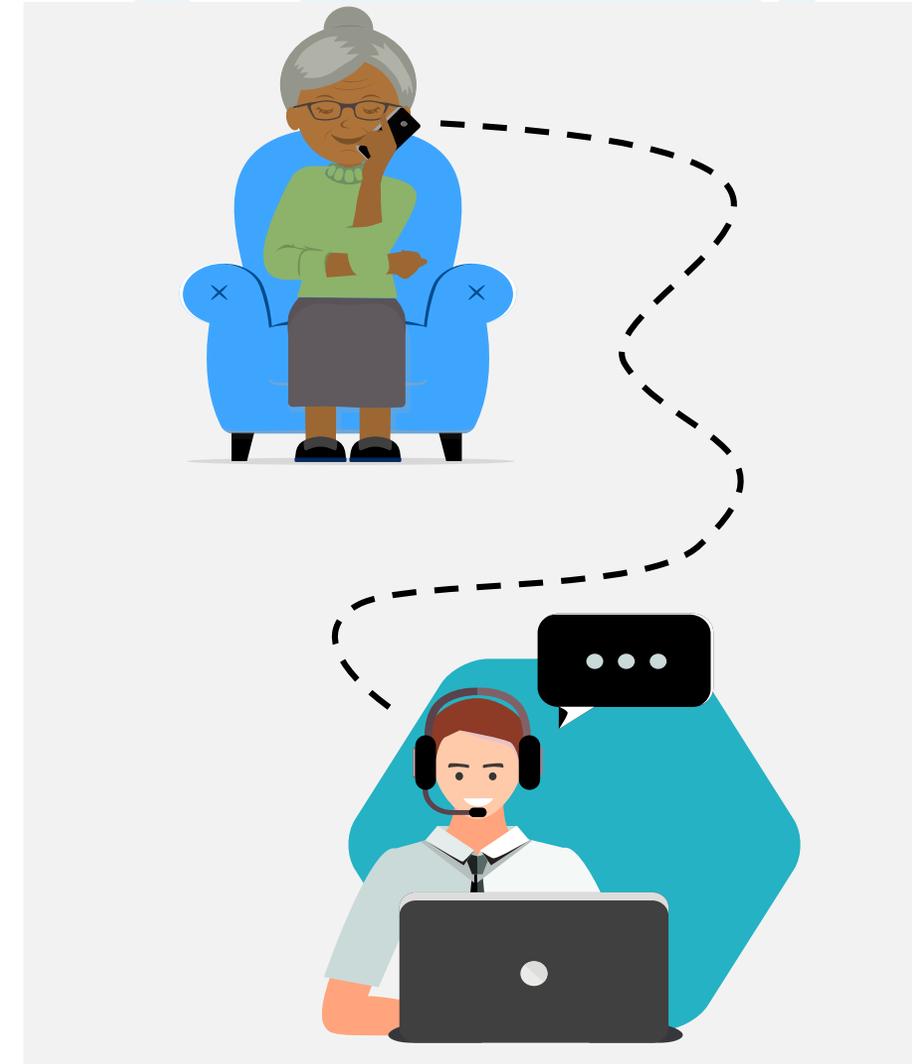
New Jersey COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center

- NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center is open and assisting callers with:
 - Frequently asked questions
 - Registering new users on the New Jersey Vaccine Scheduling System (NJVSS)
 - Looking up previous registrations, scheduling appointments and editing appointments at the vaccine sites that use NJVSS

We are also exploring adding registration capabilities for additional Mega Sites not on NJVSS currently

- Due to limited vaccine supply, availability of appointments is currently limited across the State. As appointments become available throughout the week, call center representatives will be able to support those needing assistance to schedule an appointment.
- For all other non-NJVSS sites and some mega sites, the call center is guiding callers to the contact information for these sites. Information on open vaccination sites is also available on the [covid19.nj.gov/vaccine](https://www.covid19.nj.gov/vaccine) website..

Call 855-568-0545



Where to find information on vaccination sites in New Jersey

CURRENT AS OF FEBRUARY 16

New Jersey Vaccine Scheduling System (NJVSS)



- ✓ Visit **covidvaccine.nj.gov** and fill out the registration form.
- ✓ You will receive a confirmation email.
- ✓ When eligible, you will receive a text and email to schedule an appointment, as availability opens up

covidvaccine.nj.gov



List of open vaccination sites on COVID information hub



- ✓ Visit **covid19.nj.gov/vaccine**
- ✓ Search for tab on ‘Where and how to get vaccinated’
- ✓ Look up list of all open vaccination sites
- ✓ Directly schedule with site closest to you through individual scheduling links

covid19.nj.gov/vaccine

You can also call **855-568-0545** for support

Currently, consumer demand still exceeds the State's vaccine supply

Consumer demand

As of February 8th, over 2.3 million individuals have pre-registered in the State-run registration portal to receive vaccinations; **~1.7 million of those individuals are currently eligible**

Many additional individuals have pre-registered through other portals or have not yet pre-registered for or scheduled their appointments

Vaccine supply

To date, New Jersey has received approximately **1 million total first doses** from federal allocation

New Jersey expects to receive **~130 thousand first doses per week** going forward

New Jersey is actively working to schedule and administer vaccines to its currently eligible populations as it receives more supply from federal allocation

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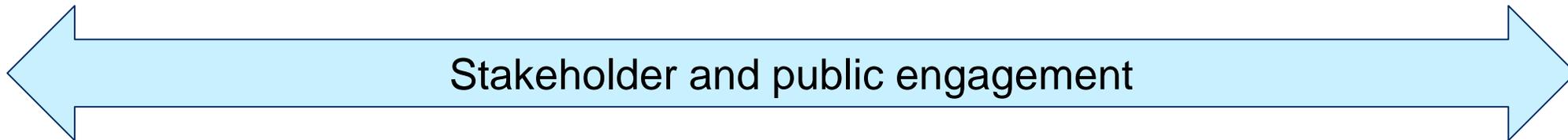


Overview of New Jersey's vaccine rollout to date

Who can get vaccinated **when** (estimated) in NJ?

Where can you get vaccinated in NJ?

How can you get vaccinated?





How to support your employees in getting vaccinated:

As of February 1, 2021, the list of sites dispensing the COVID-19 vaccine can be found [here](#).

Full link: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/covid-19-vaccine-locations-for-eligible-recipients>

How can I support my employees in getting the COVID-19 vaccine?

- ✓ Share the [site list](#) with your employees
- ✓ Let them know **you support the vaccine**
- ✓ **Provide information** about the vaccine, eligibility, and registering / scheduling an appointment

Can I set up a COVID-19 vaccine site at my business?

As of Feb 1, 2021, **no additional closed PODs** are being set up. This is subject to change as rollout continues, so please continue checking covid19.nj.gov for updates.

- ✓ The COVID-19 vaccine is free of charge for all
- ✓ You CAN get a vaccine if you are uninsured, underinsured, and / or undocumented
- ✓ Sites will NOT ask for proof of immigration status

Getting the vaccine

- If you are eligible, you can make an appointment by calling the NJ COVID-19 Call Center at **855-568-0545**
- To confirm your eligibility, you will be asked about the type of work you do, where you live, your health, date of birth, and gender
- **NO documentation is required** at your scheduled vaccination appointment

After vaccination

- Getting vaccinated has NO impact on the Public Charge Rule
- New Jersey will share limited information with the CDC; the state will NOT share your name or address

Infographic examples covering eligibility, registration, and sites in English and Spanish

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Who can get a vaccine?

PHASE

1a Dec 15

ELIGIBILITY

- Healthcare workers
- Residents of long-term care facilities or other congregate settings

1b Jan 14

- Frontline first responders
- Everyone 65 or older

Persons aged 16 to 64 years old who have at least one chronic medical condition that poses high-risk for severe COVID-19:

- Cancer
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions (e.g. heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies)
- Immunocompromised (weakened immune system) due to organ transplant (consult with your healthcare provider)
- Obesity (e.g. body mass index of 30kg/m2 or higher)
- Pregnancy (consult with your healthcare provider)
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Additional eligible groups to be announced soon

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Frontline first responders are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine

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As of Jan 14, 2021

People 16+ years old with one or more of the below conditions can get the vaccine:

- Cancer
- COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
- Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised (weakened immune system) due to organ transplant (consult with your healthcare provider)
- Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m2 or higher)
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Register to get a COVID-19 vaccine online or by phone

- Visit covidvaccine.nj.gov
- Fill out the registration form
- When eligible, you'll get an email and text asking you to schedule an appointment

OR

- Call 855-568-0545
- Provide your details to the agent on the phone

Vaccination is free and insurance is not needed

Scheduling of appointments is subject to vaccine supply availability. We request your patience during scheduling as more vaccines become available. Confidential, preliminary, pre-decisional, and deliberative. Content is descriptive only and is not meant to constitute legal, clinical, or policy advice.

COVID-19 vaccine megasites

These large centers provide the vaccine to eligible people

You must be 16 years or older to go to these sites

Facility	Address	Website
Atlantic County	Atlantic City Convention Center, 1 Convention Boulevard, Atlantic City, NJ 08401	Not open as of 1/18/21
Bergen County	Meadowlands Complex, 1 American Dream Way, East Rutherford, NJ 07073	Not open as of 1/18/21
Burlington County	Moorestown Mall (Lord & Taylor), 400 & 401 NJ-38 Moorestown, NJ 08057	http://virtua.org/vaccine
Gloucester County	Rowan College of South Jersey, 1400 Tanyard Road Sewell, NJ 08060	Register at https://covidvaccine.nj.gov
Middlesex County	NJ Convention & Expo Center 97, Sunfield Ave. Edison, NJ 08837	https://www.njdh.org/covid19vaccine
Morris County	Rockaway Townsquare Mall 301, Mount Hope Avenue Rockaway, NJ	https://health.morriscountynj.gov/vaccination

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You can get a vaccine for free regardless of your documentation or insurance status.

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I got the COVID-19 vaccine!

For more information, visit covid19.nj.gov

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The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and free.



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February 12, 2021

News

NJDOH Commissioner Joins Vaccine Equity Roundtable

Governor Murphy, joined by N.J. Department of Health (NJDOH) Commissioner Judith Persichilli, held a [virtual roundtable](#) on Tuesday on vaccine safety and access in New Jersey's Black community.

Also participating: Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver; the Rev. Melvin E. Wilson; AFSCME International Vice President Debbie Parks; and Dr. David Kountz, Co-Chief Academic Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity for Hackensack Meridian Health.

Q&A With Dr. Eddy Bresnitz

Dr. Eddy Bresnitz, NJDOH Medical Advisor and Professional Advisory Committee Chair, addressed topics such as vaccinations for children, equitable access and vaccine availability in NJ Spotlight News.

Last month, Dr. Bresnitz participated in an NJ Spotlight News virtual roundtable, and the questions were drawn from queries submitted by audience members before and during the online event. [Read more.](#)

FQHCs To Be Focus of Additional Vaccines

The Biden Administration [this week announced](#) the launch of a phased program to provide additional vaccines targeted directly to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

Although no New Jersey centers were selected for the first phase, we look forward to the state benefiting from this program as it progresses.

Partnership with CVS, Rite Aid Expands Vaccinations

A new federal pharmacy partnership with Rite Aid and CVS is bringing additional vaccines to New Jersey communities.

Under the partnership, both pharmacies have begun receiving direct shipments of over 27,000 vaccine doses available by appointment for those currently eligible in New Jersey at 102 stores.

CVS received 19,900 doses and Rite Aid 7,500 doses through a direct allocation from the federal government without tapping into the state's supply.

Visit [CVS.com](#) for location/appointment information; for Rite Aid, visit [riteaid.com/pharmacy/covid-qualifier](#). The pharmacies join a statewide [network](#) of megastores and community-based vaccination sites.

As of Monday, the state has now administered over 1 million COVID vaccination doses. As of Friday, 1,244,224 total vaccinations have been administered, including 933,160 first doses. The state is also expecting increasing quantities in the weeks ahead of vaccines from the federal government for the six megastores and other vaccination centers.

Previously, NJDOH partnered with Rite Aid to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to home care and hospice staff. A current federal pharmacy partnership with CVS and Walgreens is vaccinating residents and staff of long-term care facilities.

CDC: Percent of Delivered First Vaccine Doses Administered by U.S. States and Territories

Percent of Delivered First Vaccine Doses Administered

- < 60%
- 60%-69%
- 70%-79%
- 80%-89%
- > 90%

More information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/vaccines/distributing-first-doses.html>

Vaccine Concerns Expressed By Communities of Color

Professional COVID-19 vaccine reviewers.

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Executive Director of NJDOH's Office of Minority and Multicultural Health, and will feature: Dr. Marcella Perez, board-certified family medicine physician at Zulfall Health Center, Morristown; Gina Miranda-Diaz, an ANCC board-certified advanced public health nurse; and Luis Espina, MD, a board-certified family practice provider with RWJBarnabas Health Medical Group.

To register, visit: <https://register.gotowebsinar.com/register/565691448483659789>.

Governor Murphy, N.J. Rep. Tom Malinowski, Commissioner Persichilli and others watch as Kimberly Foreman, RN, Director of Quality and Patient Services, vaccinates nurse Christine Cook at the Matheny Medical and Educational Center in Peapack-Gladstone on Tuesday. (Pool photo/Chris Pedota/NorthJersey.com/USA Today Network)

Resources

[COVID-19 Information Hub Vaccine Page](#)

[Community-Based Vaccination Sites](#)

[NJDOH COVID-19 Vaccination Page](#)

[New Jersey COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#)

If I get vaccinated, do I still need to wear a mask or face covering?

Yes, you will still need to wear a mask and follow all safeguarding methods until enough individuals are vaccinated to produce community protection. We know that the vaccine keeps you from getting sick, but we don't know yet if the vaccine prevents a person from contracting the virus and then spreading it.

[Sign up for Vax Matters](#)

What do we need from you?

Five messages to reinforce across communities



Continue practicing safeguarding measures – including social distancing, engaging with contact tracers, getting tested, and always wearing a mask – **even after getting vaccinated**



Support eligible organization members considering getting vaccinated at an open vaccination site (e.g., time off from work, paid sick leave, supporting with childcare)



Seek out and share educational materials, such as the vaccination information toolkit, with organization members on all channels (e.g., shared spaces, social media platforms, internal communications, and townhalls)



Provide relevant information to organization members on **where to get vaccinated if eligible, particularly those close to the workplace**



Role model safeguarding practices and vaccination (e.g. **share positive stories of experience** getting vaccinated if eligible) and use empathy-based language with organization members...



...and get vaccinated!