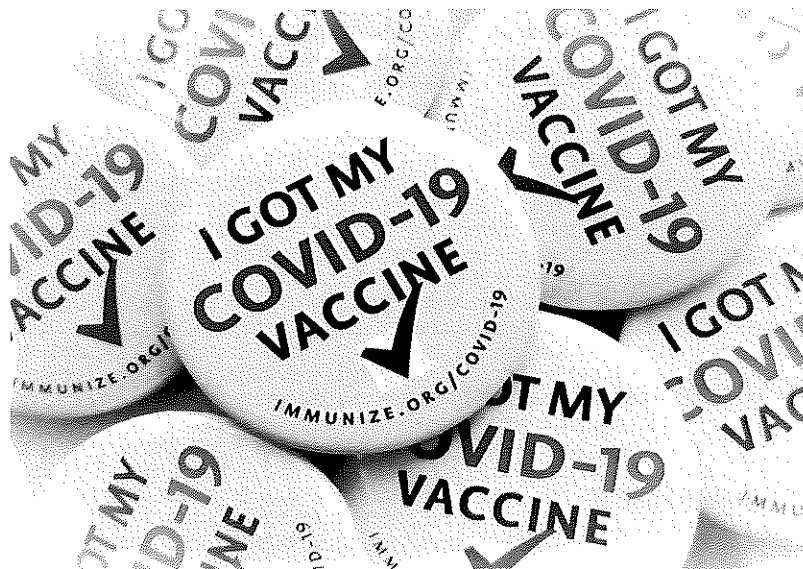


BERGEN NEW JERSEY *County*



COVID-19 Vaccines and Boosters

Information for
Bergen County Seniors

Why do you need a COVID-19 Vaccine?

Risk increases with age. The risk for severe illness with COVID-19 increases with age, with older adults at highest risk.

Older adults are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19. Getting very sick means that older adults with COVID-19 might need hospitalization, intensive care, or a ventilator to help them breathe, or they might even die. The risk increases for people in their 50s and increases in 60s, 70s, and 80s. People 85 and older are the most likely to get very sick.

Other factors can also make you more likely to get severely ill with COVID-19, such as having certain underlying medical conditions. If you have an underlying medical condition, you should continue to follow your treatment plan, unless advised differently by your health care provider.

Protect Yourself & Others from Getting COVID-19

Older adults, and those who live with, visit, or provide care for them need to take steps to protect themselves from getting COVID-19.

Get vaccinated as soon as possible.

- COVID-19 vaccines are effective in preventing COVID-19 and are recommended for everyone 12 years of age and older.
- If you are fully vaccinated, you can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic without wearing a mask or staying 6 feet apart, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

From the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/aging/covid19/covid19-older-adults.html>

To schedule an appointment, visit: www.BergenCovidVaccine.com

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How to get a COVID-19 Vaccine

Information for Bergen County Seniors

County of Bergen Vaccine Help Desk

For questions regarding vaccination appointments or to make a homebound vaccination request, please call Albert Ferrara at 201-336-2707 or email HealthPromotion@co.bergen.nj.us

Bergen New Bridge Medical Center - Paramus

Schedule a vaccine appointment at www.bergencovidvaccine.com

NJ COVID Vaccine Finder: for all other New Jersey locations

<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>

NJ Senior Vaccine Hotline – call 1-855-429-1168

If you are 65 or older, you can call a special senior hotline from 8am to 8pm for vaccination scheduling support.

Bergen County Community Transportation – call 201-368-5955

Bergen County Community Transportation provides free rides to vaccination appointments. Call 201-368-5955 to schedule your ride.

NJ Homebound Vaccine Request – call 1-855-568-0545

If you are unable to leave the home to receive a COVID-19 vaccine or are the healthcare provider or family caregiver of someone who is homebound, you may request an in-home vaccination appointment by completing a form at covid19.nj.gov/homeboundvax (English) or covid19.nj.gov/homeboundvax-es (Spanish). For assistance completing the form by phone, please call the NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at 1-855-568-0545.

After you submit the completed form, the NJ Department of Health will share information with a home health agency, local health department, or other vaccination providers and you will be contacted to schedule an in-home vaccination appointment.

If there are any unvaccinated household or family members in need of vaccination, vaccine providers will also do their best to schedule vaccination for caregivers and other members of the household of homebound person(s). Please confirm this need in the online form.

Some home health agencies are currently vaccinating patients—if you are currently receiving services from a home health care agency you should also inquire with your provider about vaccination options.

NJ Vaccine Call Center – call 1-855-568-0545

The Vaccine Call Center (1-855-568-0545) is available to register individuals in the NJ Vaccine Scheduling System, answer questions about the vaccine, provide contact information for sites, check registration status, and update registration information. The hotline is open from 8am to 8pm every day and can help callers in more than 240 different languages.

Vaccine Cost: FREE

There are no out-of-pocket costs for the vaccine. COVID-19 vaccines will be made available to individuals regardless of insurance coverage status. Individuals won't pay coinsurance, deductibles, or co-payments.