

COVID-19 VACCINE OVERVIEW

THE COVID-19 VACCINE HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO NEW JERSEY!

• INFORMATION FOR ESSEX COUNTY RESIDENTS •

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WHICH VACCINE IS IT?

Essex County will be distributing the **Moderna** vaccine. The **Moderna** vaccine is a **2 dose vaccine**; each dose is separated by approximately **28 days (4 weeks)**.

Information on the COVID-19 vaccination is constantly getting updated. For more information on vaccine updates, vaccine clinical trials, safety and efficacy please refer to the New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Page:

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_vaccination.shtml

WHERE CAN I BE VACCINATED?

Maplewood/ South Orange residents are assigned to: **Livingston Mall, 112 Eisenhower Parkway, at the former Sears Department Store**, Monday - Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm by appointment only. **Pre-registration is required.**

HOW SOON WILL IT BE AVAILABLE?

Vaccinations are expected to begin **the week of December 26th**.



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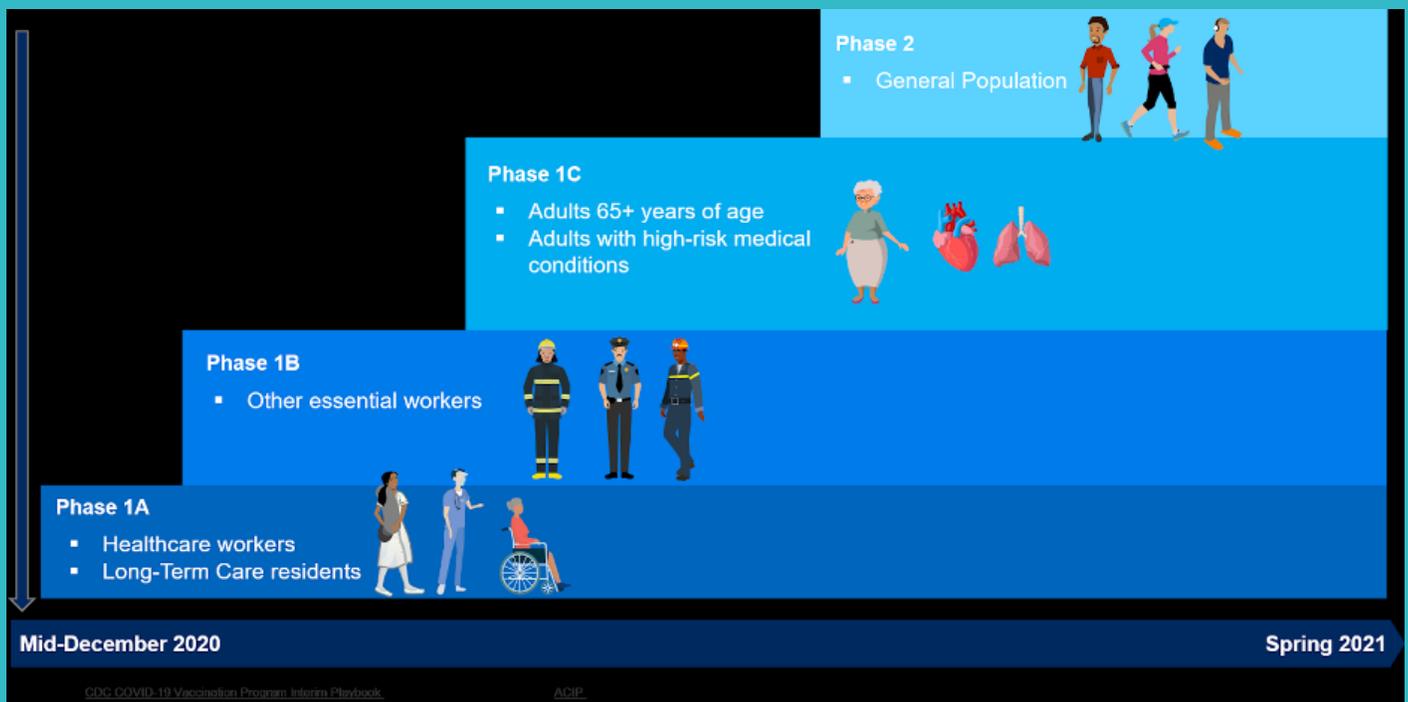


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WHO GETS THE VACCINE FIRST?

The vaccine is currently available in limited quantity and is being phased in by defined population tiers. At this time, we can only offer the COVID-19 to adults over the age of 18, no pregnant women and children. The goal is to vaccinate 70% of the adult population in 6 months. The first population tiers to be vaccinated are those in 1A, followed by 1B then 1C (see charts). As the vaccination manufacturing and production increases, the scope of vaccine recipients will broaden to include the general population.



The following charts further define population tiers.

A healthcare worker is any paid or unpaid person in a healthcare setting that has direct or indirect contact with patients. This includes those who support medical facilities such as workers in food service, janitorial services, lab or clinical techs, and receptionists in medical facilities – see chart



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Who is considered a healthcare worker?

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Any paid or unpaid person working or volunteering in a healthcare setting who may have direct or indirect contact with infectious persons or materials. For example:

Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, dentists and any other licensed or registered health professionals

Staff in areas like Facilities management, Security, Food Services, Environmental Services, Administrative Services, Human Resources, Reception, Language Services, Information Technology, Laboratory and any other healthcare support areas

Community health workers / *promotoras*, home health aides, visiting nurses, doulas, health educators and public health professionals

Trainees, students, volunteers, essential caregivers, vaccinating site staff, contractors

Other personnel like Emergency Medical Services (EMS), paramedics, funeral staff, mortuary staff and autopsy workers



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COVID-19 Vaccine: Who Will Be Able to Get the Vaccine?



Once a COVID-19 vaccine is approved for use, it will likely be available in limited amounts. Until the vaccine can be produced in large quantities it is expected that it will first be given to priority groups of people – considered critical populations - who have been identified at high risk of COVID-19.

A phased approach will be used to ensure that the vaccine is distributed in a fair and equitable manner until larger quantities of vaccine become available. Decisions about priority groups and how the doses will be spread across the state will likely change based on supply and demand. The vaccine will be available to those who live, work and/or are educated in New Jersey.

Phase 1 – Limited Doses Available	Phase 2 – Large Amount Available	Phase 3 – Sufficient Supply, Slowing Demand
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare workers who may have contact with infected patients or infectious materials Other essential workers People at higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness (over age 65, underlying health conditions, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remainder of those from Phase 1 Critical populations General population 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remainder of those from Phase 2 Critical populations General population

Categories of Critical Populations – including, but not limited to:

Healthcare Workers	Other Essential Workers	Adults at Higher Risk	Others at Higher Risk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Long term care Home care Urgent care, clinics Dialysis centers Dental offices Funeral homes Pharmacies Public health Group homes EMS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First responders Food and agriculture Transportation Education/childcare Energy Water/sanitation Law enforcement Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long term care residents 65 years and older Underlying medical conditions Immunocompromised Incarcerated Homeless shelters Group homes Other congregate settings such as psychiatric facilities, seasonal migrant farm workers, etc. 	<p>People from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> communities that have disproportionately acquired and/or died from COVID-19 tribal communities colleges/universities rural communities people with disabilities people who are under- or uninsured

More complete details on priority groups and other aspects of the distribution plan can be found in the New Jersey COVID-19 Vaccination Plan at https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019_vaccination.shtml.



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Registration: www.EssexCOVID.org or 973-877-8456

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE VACCINE?

At this time, only residents who are healthcare workers can register for the vaccination online at www.EssexCOVID.org or by calling 973-877-8456. Vaccinations are expected to begin on December 26, 2020.

- When registering you will receive an appointment for your second dose as well.
- Essex County will provide you with instructions and next steps on how to report for your vaccination.

IS THE VACCINE FREE?

The vaccine is being provided free of charge to uninsured residents. Insured residents' insurance providers will be billed a nominal fee for each vaccination dose. There are no out-of-pocket expenses to any residents for the vaccination.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT AT THE VACCINATION SITE WHEN I ARRIVE FOR MY APPOINTMENT?

After you schedule your appointment online (or by phone), the County will send you more information.

- The vaccination clinic is inside the former Sears Building at the Livingston Mall (entrance off of Walnut St).
- Try not to wear too many layers of clothing that may make it cumbersome to expose your arm for the vaccine.
- You will go through a registration area, a vaccination area, and then will be asked to wait 15 minutes under medical observation before you can leave.
- You will be given information about when to return for your second vaccination, 28 days (4 weeks) later. Please mark your calendar and make transportation arrangements for your next appointment.

WHAT IF I HAVE ALLERGIES AND MAY END UP BEING ALLERGIC TO THE VACCINE?

All persons vaccinated are monitored for 15 minutes after vaccination to ensure their safety. Epinephrine will be administered as necessary to anyone experiencing an acute allergic reaction. There have been no reports of life-threatening allergies or serious medical complications associated with the vaccine.



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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE VACCINATED?

Vaccination is one of the critical tools we have to protect ourselves and our community from COVID-19 infection. Vaccination protects a person from getting sick from a disease if they are exposed and the fewer number of people who are sick, the less chance we have of spreading it to others around us. ***Vaccination, along with social distancing and continual face mask adherence*** during this time will help us to provide that herd immunity protection.

Maplewood and South Orange continue to be impacted by COVID-19 infections and untimely deaths.

Current Data:

Maplewood as of 12/16:

- Total cases: 669
- Total deaths: 28

South Orange as of 12/14:

- Total cases: 356
- Total deaths: 5

Essex County

- 50.7k per 100k new cases daily
- Infection Rate: 1.06

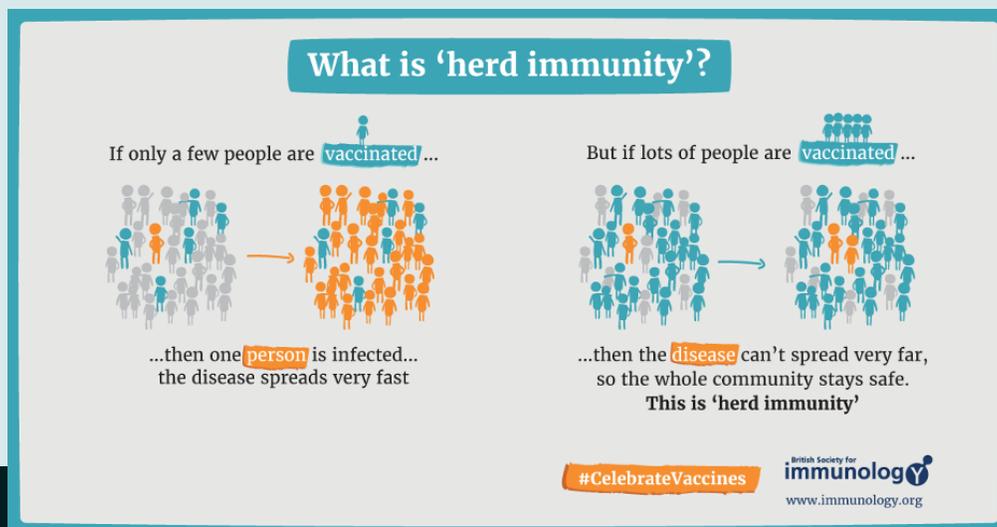
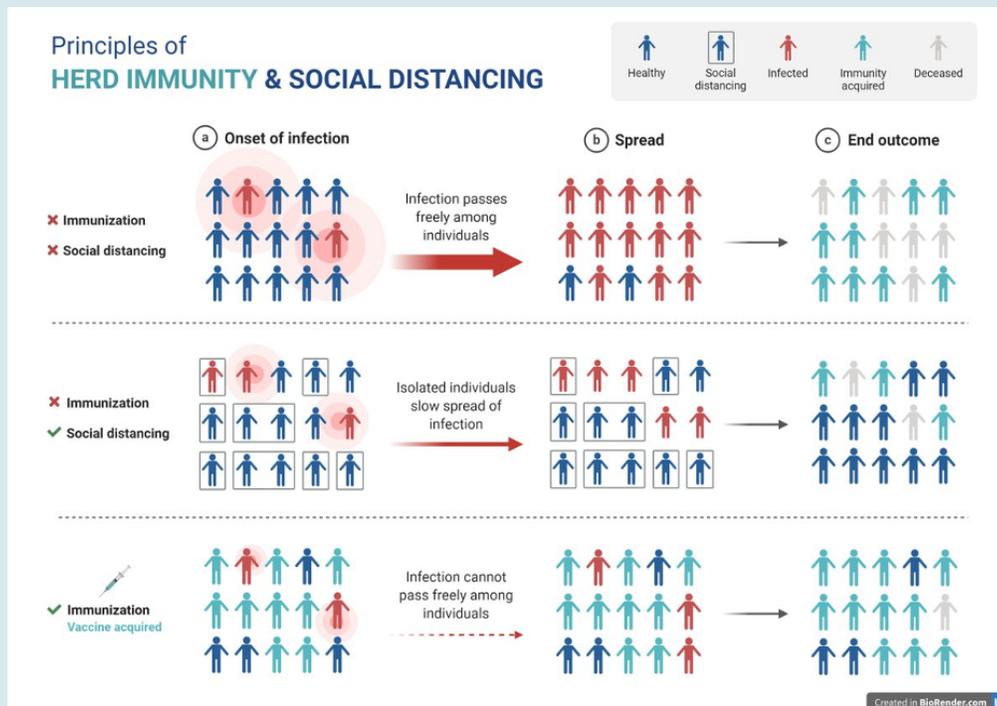
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IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE: EVEN AFTER BEING VACCINATED, WE STILL NEED TO WEAR FACE MASKS, PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PROPER HYGIENE.



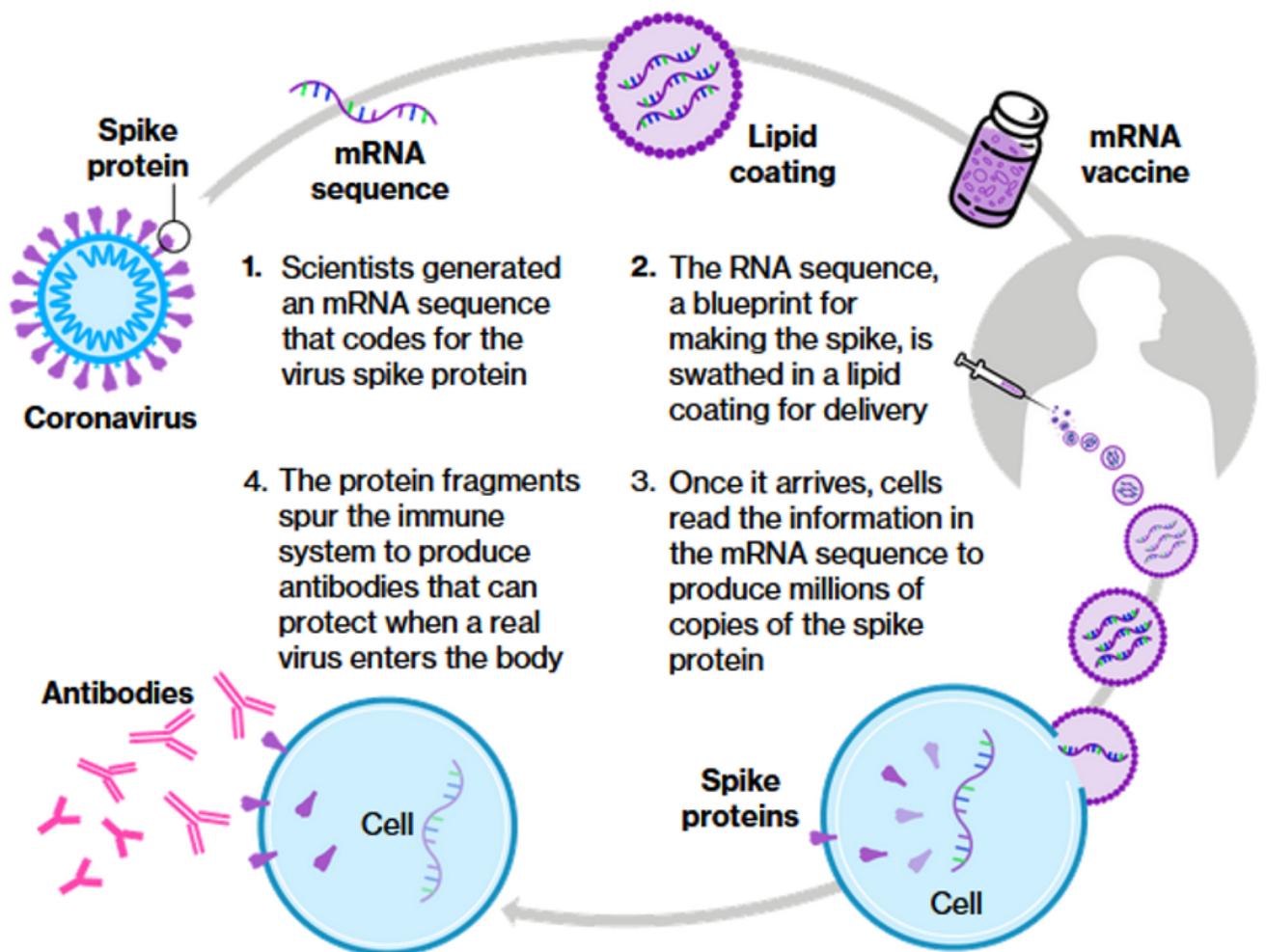
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HOW DOES THIS VACCINE WORK?

How mRNA Vaccines Work

The vaccine spurs healthy cells to produce viral proteins that stimulate a potent immune response



Sources: Pfizer, Bloomberg research



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VOLUNTEERS

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS WORK!
THE COMMUNITY NEEDS ALL OF US!!

HOW DO I VOLUNTEER AT A VACCINATION SITE?

Our county needs a large number of volunteers to ensure the success of our robust and efficient vaccination effort. ***We need a large number of two kinds of volunteers: licensed healthcare providers AND clerical/administrative assistants.***

Volunteers will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination to ensure their health and safety. Volunteers are asked to commit to an entire day; a continental breakfast and boxed lunch will be provided. All volunteers will be supplied with PPE (masks, face shields, gloves, and gowns).

Volunteers are encouraged to offer their time more than once – for efficiency, volunteers are encouraged to at least be available on both days of their vaccination.

If you are interested in volunteering, please go to <https://forms.gle/V4HsWAmk8LmaNERz7> and simply provide the information requested. Once you sign up, you will receive a confirmation email and your information will be provided to the county. All training and scheduling will be handled by Essex County, who will contact you with next steps. The County will make every effort to assign volunteers to their township sites.

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP



AGAIN, TO VOLUNTEER, GO TO: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/V4HsWAMK8LMANERZ7](https://forms.gle/V4HsWAmk8LmaNERz7)
BE PART OF THIS HISTORIC EFFORT!



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TRANSPORTATION

Personal vehicle

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Public Transportation – NJ Transit to Livingston Mall:

1. Take the train from either Maplewood or South Orange, and transfer to the #70 bus at the Summit Train Station OR
2. Take NJ Transit #70 Bus from Springfield Ave (bus stops are along the entire length Springfield Ave), running approximately every 20 minutes and takes 1 hour to get to the Livingston Mall OR
3. Take NJ Transit Bus #92 from the South Orange train Station or the corner of Valley & South Orange Avenue towards “Branch Brook Park”. (There are bus stops along Scotland Rd) Change buses at Day St/Main St for the NJ Transit Bus #73 to Livingston Mall. Buses run approximately every 20 minutes and would take an estimated 1 hour and 20 minutes from South Orange Ave

TRANSPORTATION FOR RESIDENTS AGE 60+ OR WITH DISABILITIES

There are 2 fully accessible transportation options – Essex County Special Transportation Services (the blue bus) and Access link. **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED IN ADVANCE TO USE EITHER SERVICE.** Once registered, you can make reservations:

Essex County Special Transportation Services

For residents 60+, Essex County provides free, handicap accessible transportation to all towns within the county. **Call (973) 618-1280** to register and set up an appointment. Once you are in the system, you can begin scheduling rides.

Access Link

Access Link is for people with disabilities. Service shadows local fixed route buses and light rails, with pick-up and drop-off points within 3/4 mile of an eligible bus route or light rail station.

- For current Access link riders, **call 800-955-ADA1 (2321) and selecting option #2** or go to <https://accesslink.njtransit.com> to make a reservation.
- To find out if you are eligible for Access link or to register and be certified for the service, **call 800-955-ADA1 (2321) and select option #1** for information on the Certification Group



EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATIONS

Maplewood

To sign up for emergency alert notifications including vaccination site updates, natural disaster or other emergency notifications, the townships have these mechanisms in place:

Maplewood E-Alert Notifications: <https://www.twp.maplewood.nj.us/subscribe>

South Orange

The Village's Alerts & Notifications system allows residents to subscribe to our notification service for all levels of Emergency Alerts including the latest COVID-19 information. Please update and check your subscription to ensure that you are getting all requested notifications.

South Orange E-Alert Notifications: <http://www.southorange.org/610/SO-Alerts>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Links:

- https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_vaccination.shtml
- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/health-systems-communication-toolkit.html>

FAQs:

- https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/Vaccine%20FAQss_.pdf