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COVID19 Vaccination Information

Are COVID-19 vaccines safe and effective?

All currently authorized COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and will help protect you from getting COVID-19. In clinical trials for all three authorized vaccines, there were zero cases of hospitalizations and zero deaths among fully vaccinated individuals. You are encouraged to take the first vaccine available to you, but if you decide to wait for a specific type of vaccine the State will respect your choice. Vaccines are available to all New Jerseyans, regardless of immigration or insurance status.

How Do I Get Vaccinated?

Eligibility is open to anyone age 12 or over. Your age is an important factor in determining which vaccines you can receive. Vaccines can be scheduled directly through any of the following sites:

- Union County: <https://ucnjvaccine.org>
- Atlantic Health System: <https://www.atlantichealth.org/conditions-treatments/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-vaccine.html>
- CVS: <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>
- Walgreens: <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19/location-screening>

- NJ Vaccine Appointment Finder: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>
- State's Vaccine Scheduling System: <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/en-US/>

Senior Hotline

If you are 65 or older, you can call a special senior hotline from 8 am to 8 pm for vaccination scheduling support. Dedicated appointment slots are reserved for those aged 65 and older. Call 856-249-7007

Request an in-home vaccination for homebound individuals.

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. For assistance completing the form by phone, please call the NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at 1-855-568-0545.

Find information on free, public transportation transit options to and from vaccine locations: <https://www.njtransit.com/vaxride>

For up-to-date vaccine information, please visit the Borough website at <https://www.newprov.org/covid-19-vaccination-information/>



VAX & VISIT

• THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WILL OFFER A FREE "STATE PARKS VAX PASS" TO ALL NEW JERSEYANS WHO RECEIVE AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE BY JULY 4TH, 2021

• THE STATE PARKS VAX PASS WILL ALLOW FREE ACCESS TO ANY STATE PARK THAT CHARGES ENTRANCE OR PARKING FEES - INCLUDING ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK - FROM MAY 27TH THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST, 2021

OPERATION JERSEY SUMMER



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Please join the New Providence Police, Fire, EMS and Business Community for a fun-filled evening. Police



Come Celebrate National Night Out!

officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians will have their equipment on display and will be on hand to interact with the community. There will also be an outdoor concert and fun activities to entertain kids! This is an opportunity for the entire family to meet the people who serve and protect them. Come meet our first responder heroes on August 3!

Check the borough website at www.newprov.org for details as the event gets closer!

July 3 Celebration and Summer Concert Series Cancelled



The New Providence Business Community, sponsors and organizers of the July 3 Celebration and Summer Concert Series, regrets to announce that both events have been cancelled this year. The impact on New Providence businesses as a result of the coronavirus pandemic has been huge. Our businesses are trying to figure out how to safely reopen and have neither the resources or time to fund and execute these large events.

"This was not an easy decision to make, but it is just not possible for us to sponsor and manage the upcoming July 3 Celebration or Summer Concert Series this year," said Michelle Brugger, President of New Providence Business. "Each of these events requires months of planning and large financial sponsorships. The financial burden on the

businesses that sponsor the events would be too onerous, and there simply isn't the manpower available to plan and run these events."

"We are so grateful for all of the support we are receiving from the community and encourage everyone to continue to patronize our New Providence businesses," said Brugger. "We are optimistic that things are starting to return to normal. Your support will help us get back on our feet as quickly as possible." A searchable online Business & Services directory can be found on the Business Community website, www.newprovbiz.com and also the borough website, www.newprov.org. Please help us remain a part of the community that we love!"

Scarecrows are back!!



Scarecrows will be returning to downtown New Providence this fall! The tremendously popular Scarecrow Contest, hosted by New Providence Business, will return in October. The contest encourages New Providence residents, businesses, civic organizations, school groups, sports teams, and families to build the wildest, cleverest, funniest scarecrows they can imagine (within contest guidelines). The scarecrows will be on display throughout the downtown to bring the community and businesses together, encourage walking, and provide a great opportunity to visit our stores and restaurants. People can vote for their favorite scarecrows and prizes will be awarded, so make sure you spread the word to your family and friends. The competition entries are only open to New Providence residents, businesses, and community organizations, but anyone can vote for their favorite. Details, guidelines, and entry forms coming soon on www.newprovbiz.com! Start planning your scarecrow now!

Celebrate Summer!

Shop New Providence!

Summer is just around the corner and there are lots of things to celebrate. Students have had a rough go of it – celebrate their achievements with great graduation gifts! While some would love flowers, jewelry, and personalized gifts, other graduates might enjoy some pampering instead. Indulge them with a full body massage, facial, great new haircut or mani/pedi. You could go all the way and give them a full spa day at one of our fantastic salons in town. And if your grad is the watch or jewelry type, you can find something unique and beautiful right here in New Providence. Our jewelers are friendly and knowledgeable and would love to help you choose the perfect piece for your loved one. Why not celebrate the end of school with all the kids – take them out for ice cream or their favorite dinner or pick up a surprise for them to close out the school year in style. And don't forget all of the teachers who worked tirelessly this year - they would really appreciate your letting them know how much you value them and their dedication to your students! Our merchants can help you find the perfect thank you gift.

On Father's Day, remember the man in your life with something special. You could take him out for a great meal (with or without the family) or get him geared up to be a backyard grill master! You can get everything you need - the grill, meat, veggies, dessert, drinks and even the apron and tools – right there in New Providence!

Summer is also the time to celebrate being outdoors – get outside and take a yoga class or double down on classes or online fitness sessions with your favorite gym or studio. It will help you feel and look better after our long hibernation. Don't forget about healthy eating, too - our restaurants and shops offer delicious and nutritious food to help you get and keep that beach body. (And they have plenty of treats if you want to indulge, too!)

If your backyard is the backdrop for your summer parties, we have lots of fantastic landscapers in town who can get your grass and garden looking great. Plant some colorful flowers and trim your shrubs – you will feel like you're in a brand-new place! Tune up the air conditioner and you'll be all set when the hot weather comes.

It's a sellers' market right now, so you might be considering selling your home. Give a realtor a call to see what your options are and how they can help you.

No matter how you celebrate the summer season, New Providence has everything you need to make it the most enjoyable ever! Support our shops who have always supported you - Shop New Providence!



Backyard Safety Tips

- Practice constant, adult supervision around any body of water, including pools and spas. Nationally, drowning is a leading cause of death to children under five.
- If you're considering a swimming pool purchase, contact the Building Department first to determine exactly what permits are needed and what requirements you must follow.
- In-ground and above-ground pools, including inflatable pools holding more than 24 inches of water, must be surrounded by a fence or other barrier at least four feet high. Any gates in the fence must be self-closing and self-latching.
- Consider installing a pool alarm that can alert if someone enters the pool.
- Designate the grilling area as a "No Play Zone" and keep kids and pets well away until grill equipment is completely cool.
- Check propane cylinder hoses for leaks before use.
- Do not move hot grills.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.
- Don't leave toys, tools and equipment in the yard.
- Keep steps, sidewalks and patios in good repair.
- Check all swings, slides, playhouses and other structures for sharp objects, rusty metal pieces, breaks or weakened support pieces.

New Providence Recreation News:

New Providence Recreation is running a Summer full of fun activities for Youth and Adults. Please visit our website www.newprov.org/recreation for a list of activities and a link to Community Pass registration system. There is still time to join us for Playground Camp, STEAM classes, Music, Art and more! If you have questions, feel free to call the office at (908) 464-4430.

Registration for Fall 2021 classes will begin on Tuesday, August 17 at 10am.



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memorial library

SUMMER READING 2021
June 24 - Aug 20



Starting June 24, you can register for our virtual summer reading program through ReadSquared! Patrons of all ages can track their reading and literacy activities online in order to earn points & prizes. A drawing will be held at the end of the summer to choose two lucky winners from each age group as winners!

Interactive
activities & fun
virtual events for
all ages!

Tails &
TALES



Virtual badges &
incentive prizes to
keep all ages
reading this
summer!

Preschool (0-4 years old)

To encourage strong literacy habits at a young age, log the reading you've completed with your child in ReadSquared & earn points. Unlock virtual badges & earn small prizes along the way! Reach 900 points to be entered in a raffle to win a **free bag of books from the AfterWords bookstore!**

Elementary (Grades K-5)

Track the number of books you read in ReadSquared & earn points. Unlock virtual badges and small prizes along the way! Reach 900 points to be entered in a raffle drawing for a **\$25 gift card to Prestige Diner OR a \$25 gift card to Zitas Ice Cream!**

Teen (Grades 6-12)

Track the number of books you read in ReadSquared & earn points. Unlock virtual badges and small prizes along the way. Reach 900 points to be entered in a raffle drawing for a **\$25 gift card to Bagel Cafe OR a \$25 gift card to Bacci Brick Oven Pizza.**

Adult (Ages 18+)

Track the number of books you read in ReadSquared to earn points. Unlock virtual badges and small prizes along the way. Reach 900 points to be entered in a raffle drawing for a **\$25 gift card to Moe's Bistro OR a \$25 gift card to Linda's Creative Gifts.**

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New Providence Rescue Squad



Did you know your New Providence Rescue Squad's members are 100% volunteer membership? We are especially in need of weekday, daytime members. Our members are allowed to respond from home to the building. If you are interested in joining our team, are at least 18 years old and able to ride year around, please contact us at volunteer@newprovems.org for membership information. No experience necessary as we will fully train.

All of the services provided by the New Providence Rescue Squad are free of charge to those in need. Being a non-profit operation, the squad does not receive direct support from property taxes and relies solely on contributions from local residents and businesses for survival. All donations are tax-deductible. If you would like to make a donation, checks can be mailed to New Providence Rescue Squad, PO BOX 804, New Providence, NJ 07974 or visit www.NewProvidenceEMS.org for an online donation

Together Pioneer Strong



What a time this has been for our community! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this incredible PIONEER STRONG community. Neighbors helping neighbors, businesses and organizations helping and supporting each other, and our community pulling together with the most generous and compassionate outpouring of

help, donations, medical supply contributions, device and supplies collections, sewing, mask making and distributing, sandwich and meal preparations and contributions, grocery shopping assistance, buddy check-ins, inspirational calls, messages, and pictures, and such incredible displays of human kindness and compassion unlike anything we have ever seen before. Pioneer Pride and Spirit shining like never before! Volunteering and such generous selfless contributions of your time, talent, and resources are the lifeblood of our community and what makes New Providence so unique and so special. Thank you to all our generous and selfless volunteers for all you do to make our community great, especially during these incredible times. Pioneer Proud!

We can not thank our First Responders, our New Providence EMS, Volunteer Fire Department, Police, Emergency Management, DPW, Recreation Department, Library, our incredible Administration, all of our essential workers, our Borough employees, and our incredible Borough Council for their continued hard work and selfless good service to our community. We never would be able to get through these challenging times without you! We have a great team here in New Providence! We are grateful and so appreciative! Thank you!

Thank you all for making the best of these incredible times! As we move into the warmer summer days ahead, with restrictions easing, and some semblance of normalcy hopefully coming our way, please continue to stay strong, get outdoors, and enjoy all our wonderful community has to offer!

Please also continue to keep our lost, afflicted, their families, all our first responders, and our essential workers in your thoughts and prayers. We honor and we remember them all always. Please continue to support all our local businesses. Shop local! Shop New Providence! We will continue to get through this together. Pioneer Strong!

- Mayor Al Morgan



Susan DeLuise **Union County SHero Award Recipient**

Susan DeLuise, New Providence EMS Captain, is the recipient of a Union County SHero Award. The award is given to outstanding women whose lead we want to follow – who come to mind when we think about women who are inspiring, self-confident, energetic and a positive role model for others.

During the tougher times of last year, there were many women who deserved recognition just for getting through the day. Susan is one of those women. She is an almost 40-year EMS volunteer. She was tracking the COVID-19 pandemic before the first case was diagnosed in New Jersey. She would listen to the experts, track reports, researching how we can prepare ourselves for a pandemic that we knew very little about.

Susan was proactive acquiring proper PPE for our EMS members and making sure we had adequate training on donning and doffing and that we felt comfortable on our calls. She led us with great strength and knowledge as we all sought her guidance. Our safety is a top priority to Susan. The borough heartily congratulates Susan on this award. We are so proud to have her as one of our volunteers and employees.



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Where to go for Borough Information

For official Borough News, Updates, and Information:

Website – www.newprov.org
Facebook @ Newprovnj
Twitter @Newprovnj
Quarterly Newsletters

Annual Calendar
Downtown Electronic Bulletin Board
Smart 911
NPTV

These are the ONLY online sources updated and maintained by the borough!

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.



www.cleanwaternj.org



Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:
 - Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
 - Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or un-wrapped in a toilet.
 - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program (609) 633-7021

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HELPING YOU RECYCLE RIGHT

Q: What can I recycle in my curbside bin?

A: Recycle all empty plastic bottles coded #1, #2, or #5, aluminum & steel (tin) cans, glass bottles and jars, paper, newspaper, magazines & junk mail as well as cartons, cardboard and chipboard.

Q: How are the comingled recyclables collected curbside separated for recycling?

A: A combination of machines and employees sort all of the materials collected for recycling into metal, plastic, paper and cardboard. Plastic bags jam up the machines so please keep them out of your recycling container.

Q: What is NOT ACCEPTABLE in my recycling bin?

A: In addition to plastic bags and Styrofoam, recycling bins should be free of food waste, no takeout food containers, no dishware, glass, or mirrors, no tubs (yogurt or margarine), no paper towels, hangers, cups or plates, flower pots, video tapes, pots & pans, bulbs, batteries, hoses, shredded paper and no syringes.

Q: If an item is not on my acceptable items list, and I think it could be recycled, should I put in my recycling bin/cart?

A: No. Putting the wrong recyclables into your bin or cart will contaminate the recycling stream. The materials move quickly on the belts through the Material Recovery Facility (MRF). Machines and people cannot quickly sort all the unacceptable items, which can create contamination and the recovered items cannot be sold. It's best to follow the list of acceptable items. It's important to recycle, but it's just as important to recycle correctly.

Q: Why can't plastic bags go in the curbside recycling bin?

A: Plastic grocery bags are not compatible with the machines that sort recyclables at the processing facility. However, many grocery and retail stores will collect plastic bags at their entrance for recycling. Visit <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/> for a location near you.

Q: What types of plastics can I recycle curbside? Why are some plastics, like tubs, trays, and hinged (clamshell) containers not accepted?

A: The only plastics acceptable in curbside recycling are bottles and jugs coded with #1, #2 or #5 on the. Other plastic containers are a different type of plastic that is not able to be recycled locally.

Q: Should I leave the lids on or off my plastic bottles?

A: Take the lids off and throw them away. This helps ensure that bottles are empty of all liquids.

Q: What about Styrofoam; it displays the #6 with the recycling symbol?

A: Styrofoam CANNOT be added to your curbside recycling. The county is home to Foam Pack Industries, a manufacturer of Styrofoam products, who will accept clean, dry Styrofoam for recycling (no peanuts); please visit their website for detailed information. <http://www.foampackindustries.com/eps-recycling-reselling-of-densified-eps.html>.

Q: What about my pizza box?

A: Pizza boxes are recyclable, food is not. Remove all the food and greasy spots and recycle the rest. If the bottom of the box is covered in grease and cheese you can tear off the top of the box and recycle it.

Q: How clean does a container need to be before recycling it?

A: Containers should be rinsed and empty. They do not need to be thoroughly washed. Sticky items such as peanut butter jars just need to be wiped out to be "clean enough". Cardboard boxes should be free of any and all packing material.

Q: Can egg cartons be recycled?

A: There are three different types of egg cartons: Plastic, Styrofoam and Paperboard. All are unacceptable in the recycling bin but the paperboard containers are great in a compost pile.

Q: Can box cartons such as juice and dairy be recycled?

A: YES! Cartons are now accepted curbside for recycling. Make sure cartons are empty before recycling. No juice pouches at this time.

Q: What is contamination and why is it bad for recycling?

A: Any material that is not recyclable that residents put in their recycling bin. This could include yogurt cups, aluminum foil and plastic bags. Removing contamination is costly for the processors thereby increasing the cost of recycling. Some contamination can even damage the equipment at the materials recovery facility and require the whole plant to be shut down while plastic bags and video tapes are cut off equipment.

Q: How can I properly dispose of latex paint?

A: Latex paint is not hazardous and can be thrown away once dry. Garbage collectors cannot pick up liquids so remove the lid and let dry. To speed up this process, add kitty litter or paint hardener. Once dry, set out with your regular trash. Visit www.ucnj.org/recycling for more information.