



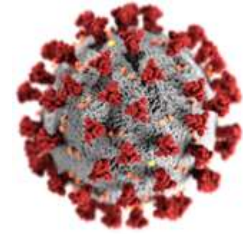
# Jefferson Township COVID Connection

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### New Jersey COVID-19 Updates:

- **FDA is amending the emergency use authorization for COVID-19 vaccines to allow for the use of a single booster dose as follows:**
  - **Moderna:** the use of a [single booster dose](#) (half-dose) of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine that may be administered at least *six months after completion of the primary series to individuals 65 years of age and older, 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19, 18 through 64 years of age with frequent institutional or occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2*
  - **Johnson & Johnson:** the use of a [single booster dose](#) of the Janssen (J&J) COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered at least two months after completion of the single-dose primary regimen to individuals 18 years of age and older
  - **Pfizer-BioNTech:** the use of a [single booster dose](#), to be administered at least six months after completion of the primary series in: *individuals 65 years of age and older; individuals 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19; and individuals 18 through 64 years of age whose frequent institutional or occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2 puts them at a high risk of serious complications of COVID-19*
- **The FDA authorized the use of heterologous (mix and match) booster doses** for currently available COVID-19 vaccines. A single booster dose of any of the available COVID-19 vaccines may be administered as a heterologous booster dose following completion of primary vaccination with a different available COVID-19 vaccine.
- **New Jersey's Eviction Prevention Program** will pay up to two years of rent arrears and future rent, as well as utility assistance, for low, moderate and middle-income households that have experienced economic impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Eviction Prevention Program uses the same application process as the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which began in March 2021 and is still accepting applications. Landlords may apply for assistance on behalf of a tenant. Visit <https://njdca.onlinepha.com/> to get started. Visit [DCAid Service Portal](#) to locate additional programs.
- **NJDCA: COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Phase II** will provide rental arrears and temporary rental assistance to low and moderate-income households that have had a substantial reduction in income, qualified for unemployment benefits, incurred significant costs or experienced a financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Applications](#) are now being accepted. This assistance is available regardless of immigration status.
- **Utility Assistance Programs:** If you're having trouble affording your utility bills, [utility assistance programs](#) are available. Due to economic hardship caused by the pandemic, New Jersey temporarily expanded its low-income energy assistance programs and its debt forgiveness program to middle class households.
- **COVID-19 testing sites:** The Morris County Division of Health keeps an updated list of COVID-19 testing locations. Check their list of [testing sites](#) for more information.



### Health/Mental Health:

- **New Jersey Department of Human Services** offers a resource directory on Mental Health and Addiction. The guide includes food assistance, income and employment assistance, healthcare information and more. Available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- **New Jersey** created a [webpage to guide](#) young people and their families to resources that promote mental health and wellbeing resources for young adults. Returning to the classroom and regular activities after the disruption of COVID-19 may cause stress and anxiety for students of any age.