

Jefferson Township COVID Connection October 6, 2021

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New Jersey COVID-19 Updates:

- 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.
- 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. <u>Applications</u> are now being accepted. This assistance is available regardless of immigration status.
- Utility Assistance Programs: If you're having trouble affording your utility bills, <u>utility assistance</u>
 <u>programs</u> 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.
- Vaccination Requirements: New Jersey has announced that multiple workplace settings will require
 employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or be subject to COVID-19 testing a minimum of
 once/twice per week. Vaccination requirements may be found on the NJDOH website.
- **Table of Hope** can help get you to your COVID-19 vaccine or testing appointments with free Uber gift cards! Email dking@springstreetcdc.org to learn more about obtaining an Uber gift card.
- **COVID-19 testing sites:** The Morris County Division of Health keeps an updated list of COVID-19 testing locations. Check their list of <u>testing sites</u> for more information.
- Town Hall Teens and the COVID-19 Vaccine: Dr. Meg Fisher will be discussing COVID-19 vaccines, benefits, myths, facts and possible side effects on October 19 at 6:00pm. This event is for teens but all are welcome. For details, click this link: Register today

Health/Mental Health:

- Youth mental health challenges have been exacerbated by the ongoing pandemic. Returning to the
 classroom and regular activities after the disruption of COVID-19 may cause stress and anxiety for
 students of any age. This webpage provides a resource guide for young people, their families and
 educators, featuring materials that promote student health and well-being, including mental health.
- The **2021 Jefferson Township Flu Clinic** will be held at the Jefferson Township Health Center on October 14. Seniors will receive vaccinations from 2:00pm 4:00pm, and residents age 18 and older are eligible from 4:00pm 7:00pm. Call 973-663-0700 to schedule an appointment.
- **Hope One** is offering free NARCAN training and life-saving NARCAN kits at the Jefferson Diner on October 19 from 9:00am 2:00pm.
- Jefferson Township's **Female Cancer Screening** will be offered at the Jefferson Township Health Center on October 19 from 6:00pm 8:00pm.
- An Adult Health Screening will be offered at the Jefferson Township Health Center on October 30 from 8:00am - 11:00am.