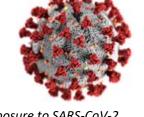


## **Butler Borough COVID Connection** November 2, 2021

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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 <u>testing sites</u> 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
- Hope One and Navigate Hope are offering access to detox, rehab, mental health services, recovery services, information and support, and free NARCAN training at the Church of Nazarene in Butler on November 5, 2021 from 10:00am - 2:00pm