

# Physicians Group Meeting

## New Jersey Health Commissioner Judy Persichilli

June 15, 2021





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- 1 Current state of New Jersey's pandemic response

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- 2 Update on New Jersey's COVID vaccine program

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- 3 Register to become a COVID-19 vaccine provider

# Selected New Jersey COVID-19 metrics and timeline

## 890,485

Total PCR Confirmed New Jersey cases

## 23,660

Total Confirmed New Jersey deaths

## 360

Total current hospitalizations in New Jersey

### Pre-March Before our first case

- Uncertainty about the **disease spread, severity, potential for mutation and re-infection, effectiveness of treatments, reliability of testing**
- **Began activating internal and public-facing emergency response**

### March-April The first surge

- New Jersey **cases exceeded national average**
- Moved to **expand critical care capacity, surge PPE, build out alternative care sites, support long-term care and ramp-up testing**
- Directed **pause of non-essential activity and encouraged work-from home**
- Social distancing **helped (and continues to help) mitigate most severe projections**

### May-September Data-driven reopening

- **Set clear guidelines for reopening** based on risk – cases well below national average for weeks
- **Applied continuous learning and enhancement** (e.g., enhanced communication/collaboration protocols, implemented a series of resiliency actions for long-term care)
- **Made preparations** for expected winter increase in cases (e.g., PPE stockpile)

### October-December Winterization

- **Reintroduced targeted measures to minimize spread; emphasized role of informal gatherings**
- **Leveraged advances** in therapeutics and testing (e.g., BinaxNOW)
- **Targeted activity and resources to minimize outbreaks** (e.g. hotspotting and rapid response)
- **Actively distributed vaccine and prepared for further scale-up**

### January → Vaccine rollout

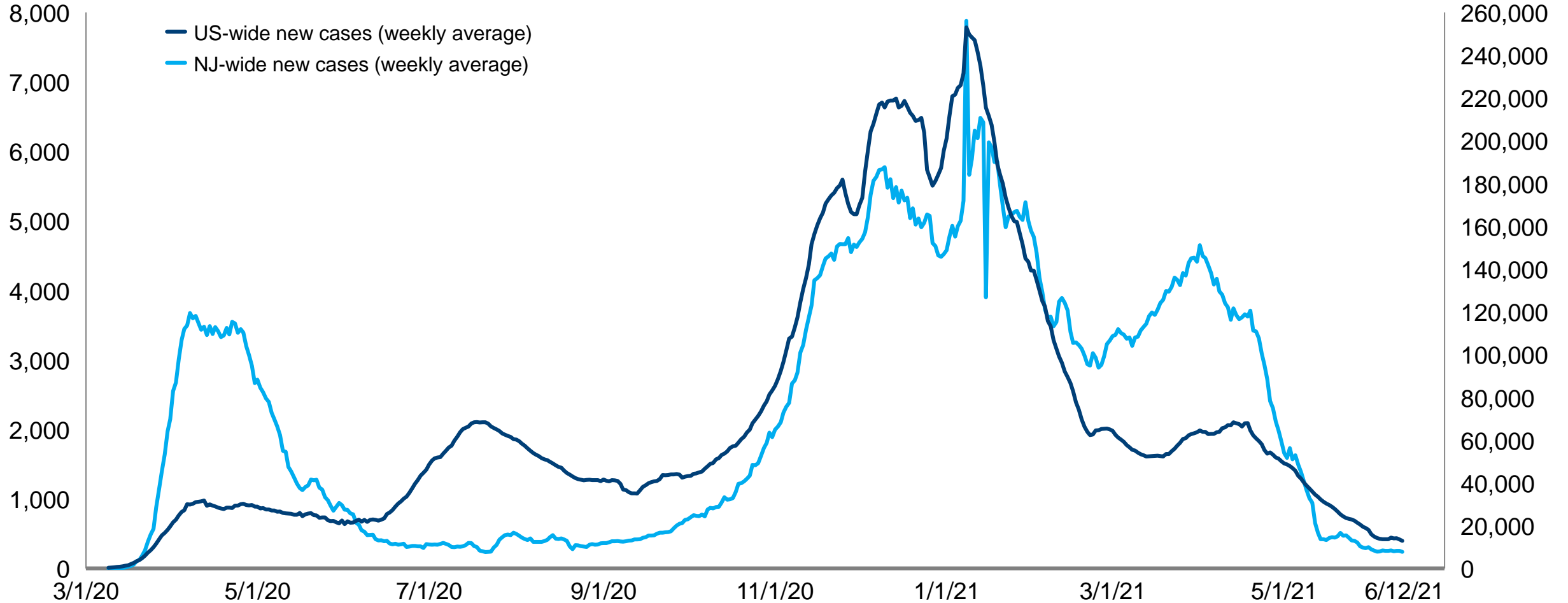
- **Established a broad network of 1,508+ vaccine dispensing sites**
- **Administered 9.3M vaccines in New Jersey**
- **Opened a vaccine contact center** that has engaged 3.0M+ calls to date and 323K+ emails
- **Launched a team of 500+ Community Corps and door-to-door canvassers** to perform grassroots outreach in underserved communities
- **Deployed comprehensive hotspot response teams** to address outbreaks across the State
- **Deployed mobile vaccination vans**

Source: New Jersey COVID dashboard and CDS

# NJ-wide new COVID-19 cases over time compared to US-wide new cases

### NJ-wide new COVID-19 confirmed cases per week (weekly average)

### US-wide COVID-19 confirmed cases (weekly average)



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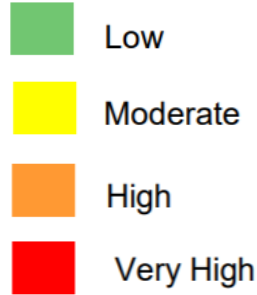
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# COVID-19 Activity Level Report (“CALI”) from NJDOH Communicable Disease Service

**First activity level report of 2021**  
Week ending January 2, 2021

**Most recent activity level**  
Week ending June 5, 2021



## COVID-19 Statewide Activity Level Timeline

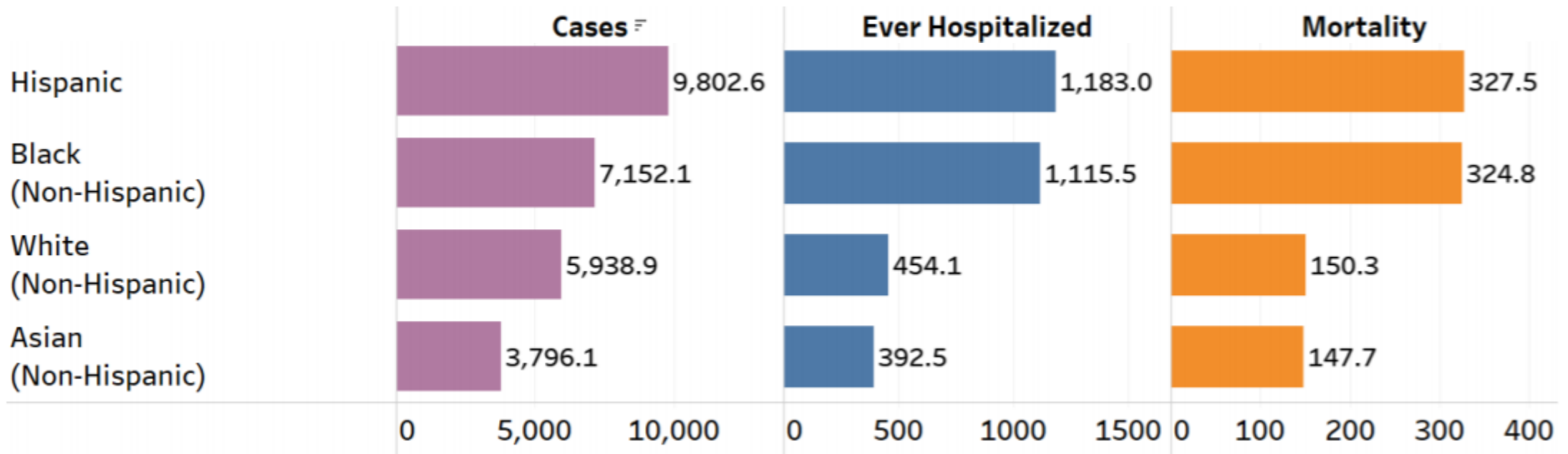


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# Age-adjusted laboratory confirmed case, hospitalization, and mortality rates by race/ethnicity per 100,000 (as of May 4,2021)

<u>NJ age-adjusted case rate</u>	<u>NJ age-adjusted hospitalization rate</u>	<u>NJ age-adjusted mortality rate</u>
<b>9719.8</b>	<b>731.3</b>	<b>202.4</b>



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# High-level strategic aims and goals of New Jersey's COVID-19 vaccination program



Provide **equitable access** to all who live, work, and/or are educated in New Jersey

## Measure: **Vaccination coverage**

- Population vaccinated reflects the State's population in terms of geography, gender, and race
- Vaccination rate for populations of color is representative of their overall population in NJ and disproportionate COVID-19 burden



Achieve **community protection**, assuming vaccine effectiveness, availability, and uptake

## Measure: **Allocation and accessibility**

- Allocate vaccines based on population density, disease burden, equitable geographic access (both sites available and doses allocated)
- All residents in target high-density municipalities with low car ownership are within a 15 minute walk to a site
- All residents outside of target high-density municipalities are within a 30 minute drive to a site



Build **sustainable trust** in COVID-19 and other vaccines

## Measure: **Community engagement**

- Activation of mobile and pop-up sites in high-risk/vulnerable communities
- 6-month multichannel awareness campaign with more than 1 billion impressions through statewide advertising, 30+videos, podcasts and town halls
- Training and deployment of Community Corps in high-risk communities



High-level goal:

**Vaccinate at least 70% of New Jersey's adult population within 6 months of sufficient vaccines becoming available**



# Overview of State's vaccine supply (as of 9:30am 6/15/2021)

## Doses administered (all vaccination sites<sup>1</sup>):

Total doses delivered	Total doses administered	% total administered from delivered
<b>11,294,680</b>	<b>9,257,159</b>	<b>82%</b>

## People vaccinated

People with at least one vaccine dose <sup>2</sup>	People with completed vaccination series <sup>3</sup>
<b>5,167,930</b>	<b>4,434,543</b>

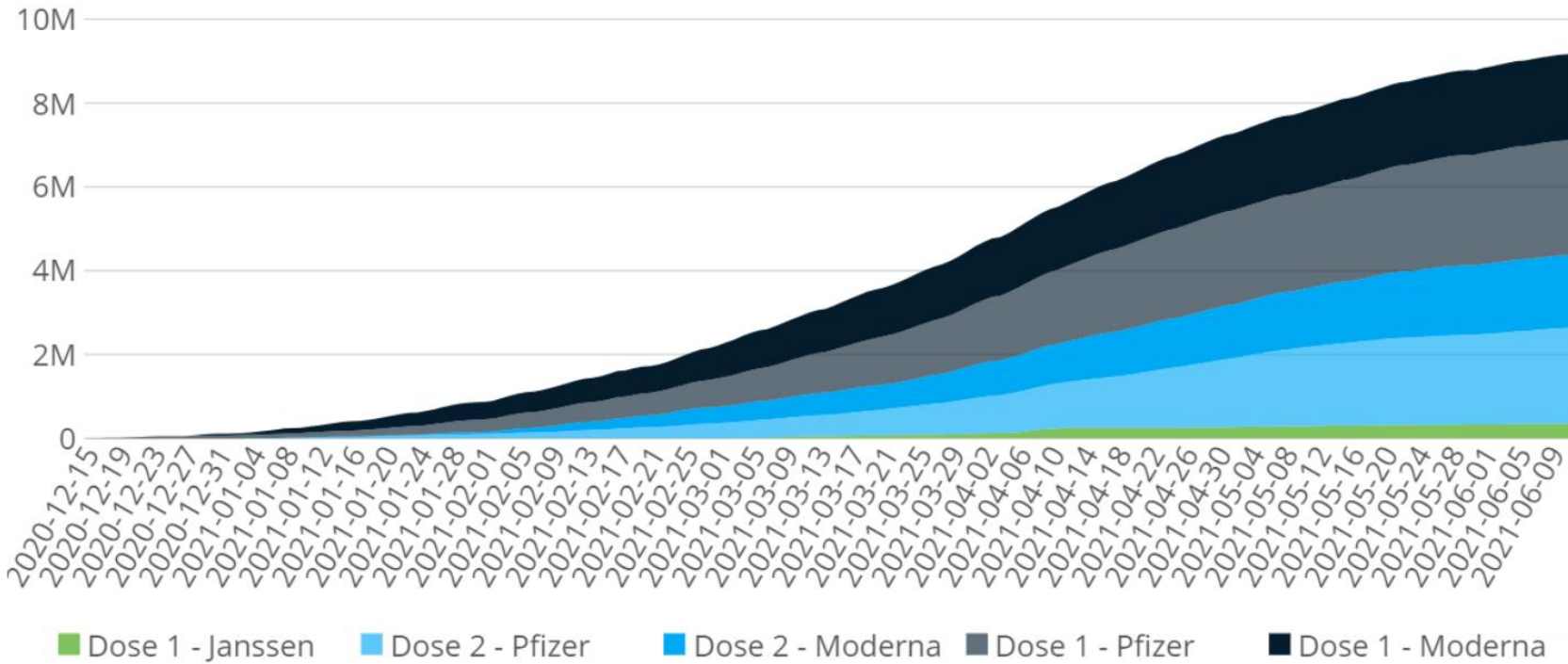
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2. Individuals who have received a single dose from a one dose vaccine course or a first dose from a two dose vaccine course  
3. Individuals who have received a single dose from a one dose vaccine course or a second dose from a two dose vaccine course

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# As of June 15, 9M+ vaccinations have been administered in the State

Total vaccines administered to date

**9,257,159**



## New Jersey residents receiving at least one dose by age

**68%**

of **adults 18+** residing in New Jersey have received at least one dose<sup>1</sup>

**88%**

of **adults 65+** residing in New Jersey have received at least one dose<sup>1</sup>

Excludes non-New Jersey residents who were vaccinated within New Jersey, and excludes New Jersey residents who are vaccinated out of state or through select Federal programs.

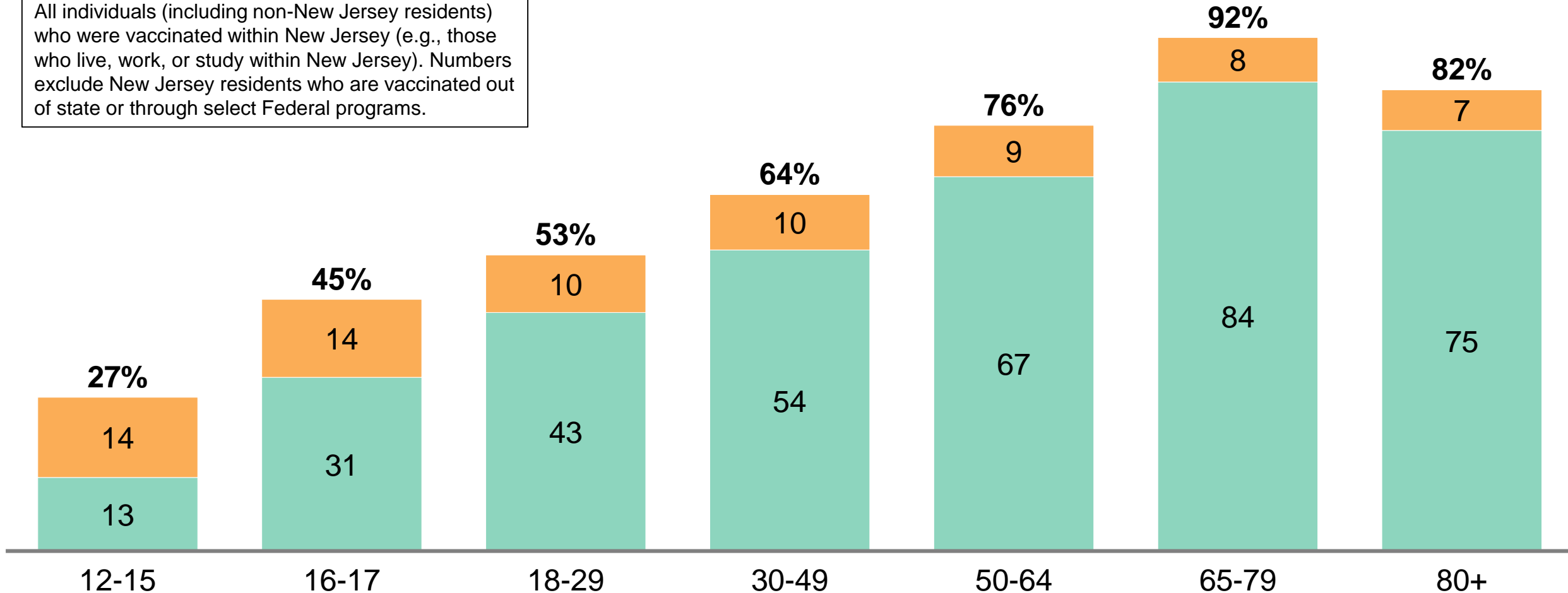
**All New Jerseyans ages 12 and older are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine**

# New Jersey residents receiving at least one dose of the COVID vaccine by age group

## Percent of people vaccinated in New Jersey by age group<sup>1</sup>

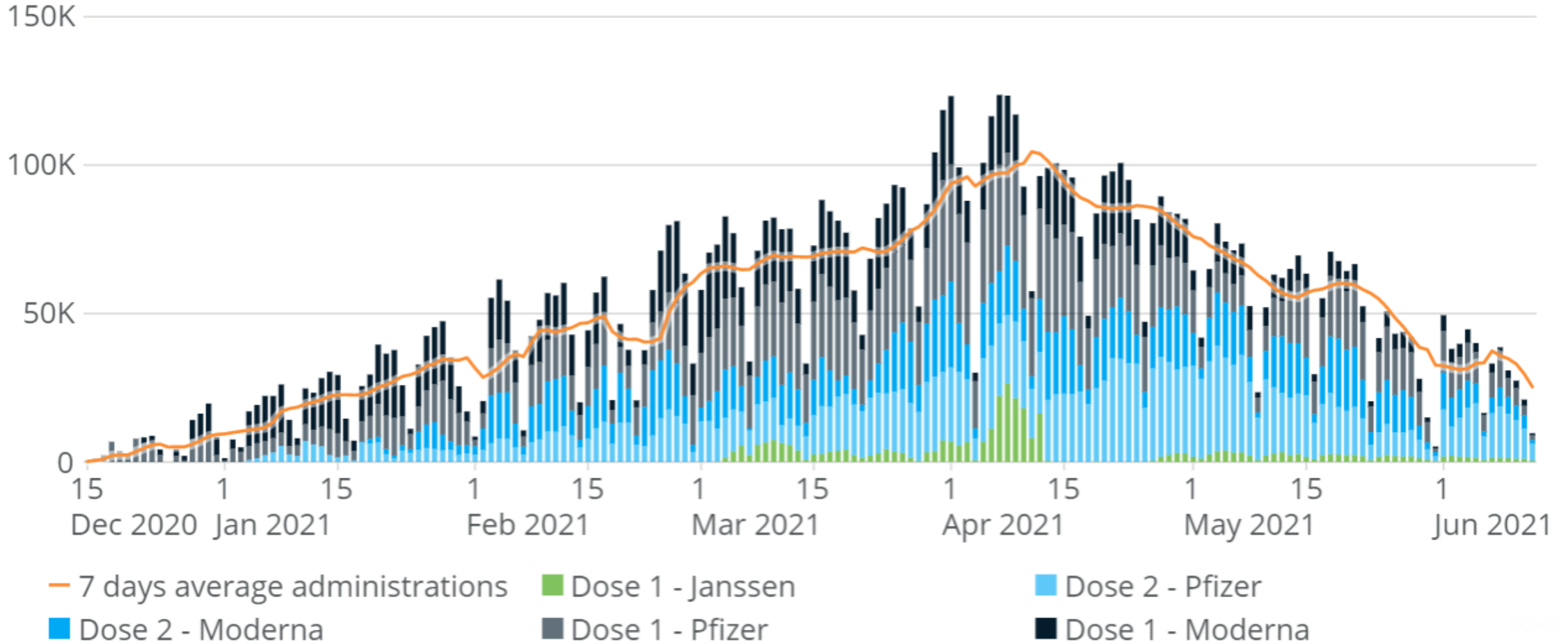
■ Course initiated 
 ■ Course completed

All individuals (including non-New Jersey residents) who were vaccinated within New Jersey (e.g., those who live, work, or study within New Jersey). Numbers exclude New Jersey residents who are vaccinated out of state or through select Federal programs.



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# New Jersey's number of vaccinations per day

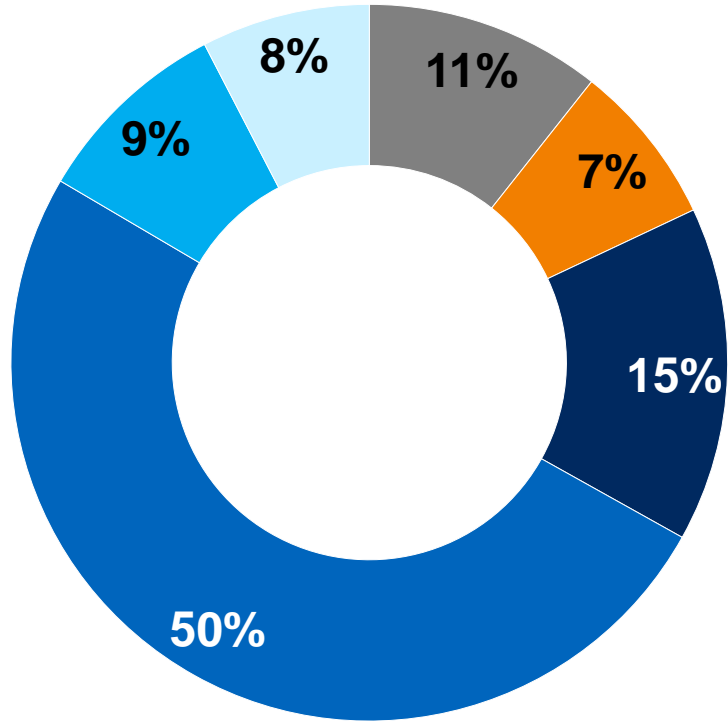


Source: NJIIS

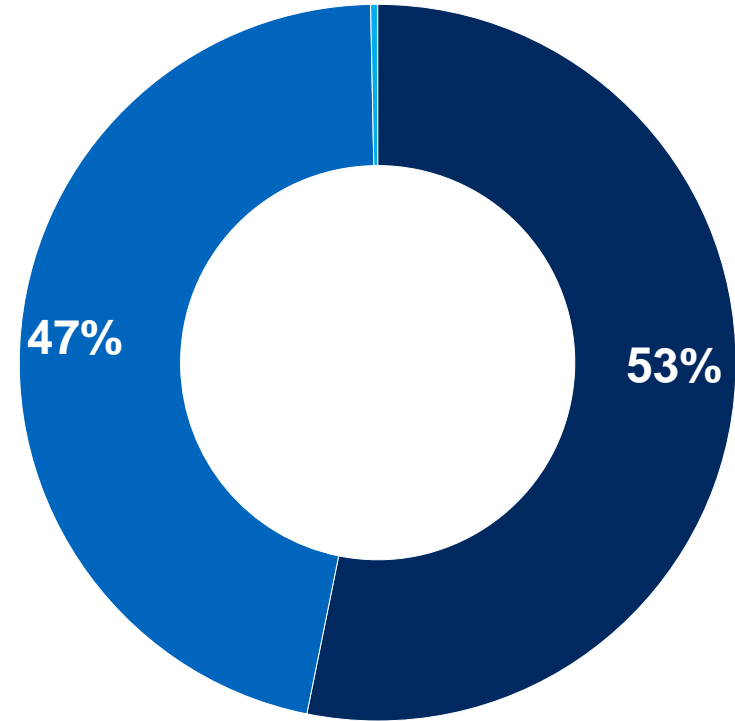
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# New Jersey residents receiving at least one dose of the COVID vaccine by race and gender

## Race and Ethnicity



## Gender



# New Jersey's vaccine rollout strategy in action



## Community protection

**9.3M**

Vaccines administered and reported as of June 14

**5.2M**

Residents who have received at least one vaccine dose

**4.4M**

Fully vaccinated residents



## Equitable access

**1,508+**

Vaccination sites across New Jersey



## Sustainable trust

**25,000+**

Stakeholders have been engaged

**125+**

Stakeholder groups have been engaged



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# Facilities that are NOT registered in NJIIS

The New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIIS) is the central repository for all immunization management in NJ

- Any site that wants to provide COVID-19 vaccine as the provider of record MUST be registered with NJIIS
  - To register your facility in NJIIS please fill out the “NJIIS COVID Enrollment Request Form” at:  
<https://njiis.nj.gov/covid/web/index.html#/newFacilityEnrollment>
    - This is NOT the required Provider Agreement
  
- All staff at these facilities that will be managing receipt of vaccine, storage and handling, inventory management and reporting of doses administered MUST take the required NJIIS COVID-19 training
  - Training can be found at the following link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1852127748320554508>

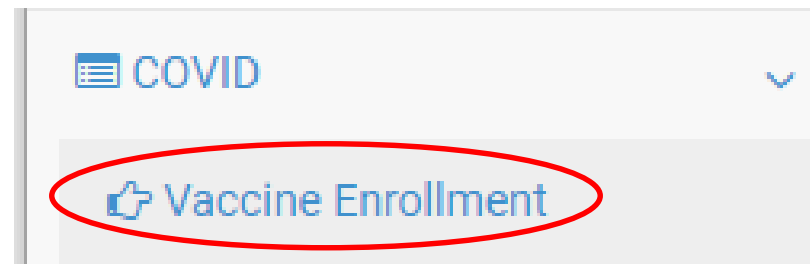


## Facilities that are already registered in NJIIS

Once a facility is registered in NJIIS they can complete the CDC Provider Agreement within the system

- Any facility that will be receiving COVID-19 vaccine, storing that vaccine on site and/or will be providing COVID-19 vaccinations will need to complete a CDC Provider Agreement
- Each facility must comply with the requirements outlined within the CDC Provider Agreement

To complete the agreement in NJIIS you will log in to the system and navigate on the left side of your home screen to COVID > Vaccine Enrollment



# Vaccine enrollment aka “The CDC Provider Agreement”

This module is the Provider Agreement, it must be filled out completely

- Once completed by each site, a member of the NJDOH VPDP team will review the information
  - If there is anything missing or incorrect or requiring clarification a rejection email will be sent with the items that need attention. The site will need to make corrections and resubmit the module.
  - If the information is complete an approval email will be sent notifying the site that they have been approved
    - After this there is an activation step that takes place at NJDOH and can take 1-2 business days
- Once a site is activated they can place requests for vaccine allocation
  - Allocations are based on both requests by the sites and storage capacity
  - Requests for allocation can be sent to [Vax.Operations@doh.nj.gov](mailto:Vax.Operations@doh.nj.gov)

A guide to assist in completing the Provider Agreement in NJIIS can be found under the COVID-19 Enrollment Information page (<https://njiis.nj.gov/core/web/index.html#/newFacilityEnrollment>)

- <https://njiis.nj.gov/docs/covid/COVID-19%20Provider%20Agreement%20Completion%20Guide.pdf>

# Tips for completing the provider agreement

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Chief Executive or Fiduciary Officer (CEO or CFO) must sign either electronically or physically a signature page that will be uploaded in the module, this is required.

- Your CMO must have a valid license number

Be prepared to designate how your site will be submitting data into NJIIS

- Options are:
  - **Direct Data Entry**
  - **Excel Interface (Excel File Upload)** – requires filling out an Excel Interface Request Form: <https://njiis.nj.gov/core/web/index.html#/enrollmentform>
  - **HL7 Interface** – requires multistep process, please be aware that there is a backlog right now for establishing a direct interface from an electronic health record and your site may need to use one of the other options while waiting for this to be established: <https://njiis.nj.gov/core/web/index.html#/enrollmentform>

## Tips for completing the provider agreement

You will need to designate a Primary and Backup Vaccine Coordinator

- These individuals will need to be existing users in NJIS prior to completing the enrollment module and they must be associated with the facility you are completing the agreement for.

You will need to name all the providers at your facility that will be involved with prescribing or writing an order for vaccine

- You DO NOT need to list every vaccinator

# Tips for completing the provider agreement

You will need to list your storage units

- You MUST provide the Brand, Type of Unit and Model Number
  - Model number is not simply a description but the true model number that would appear in a catalog from the company
- You should list ALL units that may be used for the storage of vaccine
  - Allocations of type of vaccine are based on the type of cold storage you have

You will need to have a Digital Data Logger (DDL) for each storage unit and at least 1 backup

- You will need to provide Certificates of Calibration for each DDL

This is required by CDC and information can be found in the storage and handling toolkit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/index.html>

# Obtaining vaccines once you are an active provider

## Direct Shipment

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Vaccine allocated specifically to a site

Products do not need to be transferred

Products will be made available based on facility storage capacity

- **Janssen** - only requires a refrigerator
  - Comes in quantities of 100
- **Moderna** - requires a freezer and refrigerator for viability to be maintained until manufacturer expiration date
  - Comes in quantities of 100
- **Pfizer** - requires an ultracold freezer and refrigerator, a standard freezer is also of use
  - Comes in quantities of 1170 or 450

## Hub and Spoke

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Vaccine would originate from a provider in NJ that would receive the vaccine first

Vaccine would need to be transferred to the secondary site both physically and electronically within NJIS

- Requires having transportation materials

Most advantageous for Pfizer when a site without an ultracold storage unit

- Mainly for use with providers who see pediatric patients who need to use Pfizer
- Note: Moderna is filing to expand their EUA for use in 12-17 year olds

## Further questions

You can email [COVID19.Provider@doh.nj.gov](mailto:COVID19.Provider@doh.nj.gov) with questions about NJIIS and the sign up process

All documents and help guides can also be found on the NJIIS website:

<https://njiis.nj.gov/core/web/index.html#/home>



**Help us meet our goal:**

70% of New Jersey's adult population fully vaccinated by June 30th

## COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit

To promote vaccine confidence among Healthcare Providers



[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/toolkits/](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/toolkits/)

[Covid19.nj.gov/vaccine](https://Covid19.nj.gov/vaccine)

Call Center: 855-568-0545

Nearly 1800 sites; walk in apts. available

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