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Please note that information highlighted in yellow reflects new and updated information.

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(Clifton) - The Clifton Health Department, in consultation with the City Manager, Mayor and Council, understands that residents are concerned about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The City of Clifton has had **114 NEW COVID-19 cases since last Friday, 11/12**, bringing the total COVID-19 case count to **13,538**. **Upon further investigation, 4 previously reported cases were found to be out of jurisdiction and have been transferred out and 1 case was found to be a duplicate of an existing case; these cases have been removed from the overall case count.**

The City of Clifton now has a total of 293 deaths.

Of these deaths, 45 have involved residents at the Daughters of Miriam Nursing Home. Please be advised that this number is reflective of the deaths identified in the Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System.

The City of Clifton has administered the following COVID-19 vaccine doses between January, 6, 2021 and November 18, 2021:

<u>1st doses</u>	<u>8,178</u>
<u>2nd doses</u>	<u>7,140</u>
<u>3rd doses</u>	<u>58</u>
<u>Booster doses</u>	<u>643</u>
<u>Total number of doses</u>	<u>16,019</u>

To schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 booster or for more information, please call the COVID-19 hotline at 973-470-2039.

The following groups are currently eligible for booster shots:

- **Ages 18+ Who Received Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine:** People who are 18 and older who received a single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, at least two months after their Johnson & Johnson shot



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- **Ages 65+ and Long-Term Care Residents:** People who are 65 years and older or who live in long-term care settings who received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, at least six months after their second shot
- **Ages 50+ With High-Risk Health Conditions:** People who are ages 50-64 with underlying medical conditions who received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, at least six months after their second shot
- **Ages 18+ With High-Risk Health Conditions:** People who are ages 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions who received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, at least six months after their second shot
- **Ages 18+ in Jobs or Settings With Increased COVID-19 Risk:** People who are ages 18-64 years who are at increased risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of where they work or reside who received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, at least six months after their second shot

For more information on eligibility, please visit: <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/testing-and-treatment/who-should-get-a-booster-shot-or-third-dose-of-the-covid-19-vaccine>

Children ages 5-11 are now eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine. Please check out this link for locations that are offering the Pfizer vaccine: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>

The Moderna and J&J booster vaccines have been authorized by the FDA, CDC, and the NJDOH.

Currently, the Clifton Health Department ONLY administers the Moderna vaccine. The Clifton Health Department Does NOT administer the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

The most recent list of locations offering the vaccine, as well as registration instructions can be found here: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>

If you are a Clifton or Little Falls resident without access to the internet, and need assistance, please call 973-470-2039. Please note that this is an automated system and a Health Department employee will return your call as soon as possible.

Per Executive Order 253 signed by Governor Murphy on 8/23, all state employees – including those at state agencies, authorities, and public colleges and universities – are required to complete a full vaccination course or undergo regular testing at a minimum of once to twice each week. Additionally, all preschool-through-grade 12 school personnel are required to complete a full vaccination course or undergo regular testing at a minimum of once to twice each week. This requirement includes bus drivers. Full compliance is required by October 18th.

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Face masks are still required for all individuals on public transportation, health care facilities, including nursing homes and office-based health care settings, child care centers, K-12 schools, summer camps, homeless shelters, and correctional facilities, which remain subject to existing requirements and/or recommendations.

The most recent travel guidelines can be found here:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/search.html?query=travel+guidelines&referrerPageUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fcovid19.nj.gov%2Ffaqs%2Fnj-information%2Ftesting-and-treatment%2Fwho-should-get-a-booster-shot-or-third-dose-of-the-covid-19-vaccine>

For a list of most Governor Murphy's current and past executive orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic, please refer to this link: <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/>

Residents can find helpful resources (e.g. health insurance, job assistance, food assistance, etc.) that provide support during the COVID-19 pandemic here:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/assistance-and-benefits/what-types-of-benefits-or-assistance-are-available-to-me-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

For a list of locations near you that are offering COVID-19 testing, please refer to this link for the most up-to-date information: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing#test-sites>

Due to a high volume of total cases, the “follow-up status” column on our spreadsheet attachments has been removed. We will still provide information on which cases are asymptomatic, those that were unreachable, and those that are deceased.

You will notice that many of the boxes in the case information attachment are labeled “under investigation.” We are still in the process of following-up with individuals and obtaining this data. We will continue to update this spreadsheet as this information becomes available.

It is very important to remember the following preventative steps you can take to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19:

Practice handwashing regularly for at least 20 seconds

- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

In addition, be sure to practice the following social distancing measures, if you are not vaccinated:

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- Keep a distance of at least 6 feet with other people
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact, such as handshaking
- Avoid attending crowded events and social gatherings

As a reminder to residents, if you are being tested, remain home while awaiting your results, whether or not you're showing symptoms, to avoid potentially infecting other people.

In the attachment, you will notice that we have included ALL cases we have received so far, including Little Falls cases and transferred cases. This does not change the current total case count, and it is being done for our convenience in order to better track our cases.

If you receive a call from the Clifton Health Department for case follow-up, there are specific questions we would ask. We would **never** ask for your social security number, so if you receive a call from anyone claiming to be a representative of the Clifton Health Department who asks for your social security number, please hang up immediately and report it to the Police Department at 973-470-5911.

The CDC has expanded its list of COVID-19 symptoms to include the following:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

Some people who are exposed may show mild symptoms, while others may show severe illness. Remember that symptoms can appear **anywhere from 2-14 days after an exposure.**

For general questions pertaining to COVID-19, please call the New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline at 211 or text NJCOVID to 898-211. Please also feel free to visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/> for more information. For mental health-related concerns during COVID-19, call the Disaster Distress Hotline at 1-800-985-5990 or text “talk with us” at 66746. If you wish to get in touch with the Clifton Health Department for general COVID-19 questions, please email Health Educator Layal Helwani at Lhelwani@cliftonnj.org.

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