

# Department of Health

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## Englewood Health Department Communication – Mar 1, 2021 James Fedorko, Health Officer, City of Englewood, NJ

**Englewood NJ, Mar 1, 2021** – We regret to report that there have been a total of **72 cumulative deaths of Englewood residents** that have occurred. **There were 10 new positive cases reported since Friday, 2/26, with a total (cumulative) of 2,374 known positive COVID-19 cases of Englewood residents.** It is likely there are more positive cases that have yet to be identified.

[NJ COVID-19 Activity Level Report](#) – Week ending 02/20/2021 (Week 7)

Four of the six regions (Northwest, Central West, Southwest and Southeast) and the statewide activity level are at a COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI) score of 2 and moderate activity (yellow). The remaining two regions (Northeast, Central East) remain at 3 with an activity level of high (orange).

*It is important that you continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, and wear a face covering/ mask to minimize the spread of the virus and to continue to flatten the curve. Social distancing means that you should limit social contact with others and, if you must interact with people, **maintain a distance of at least six feet.***

### Vaccination

The Englewood Health Department received 100 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. All 100 doses have been administered, and an order for additional vaccine was submitted on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We received 200 Moderna vaccines on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and staff is scheduling appointments to begin inoculations on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**We have a waiting list with over 2,500 people registered**, and it is growing rapidly due to the high call and email volume since February 5<sup>th</sup>. **At this time, we are unable to accept additional telephone calls** to add names to our waiting list. You may request that your name be added to our waiting list by emailing [vaccineinfo@englewoodnjhealth.org](mailto:vaccineinfo@englewoodnjhealth.org). These requests will be addressed upon receipt of additional vaccine and the servicing of those already on the list.

Today (3/1), Gov. Murphy announced the expansion of vaccine eligibility. Starting March 15th, the following essential workers are eligible:

- Pre-K to 12 educators & support staff
- Child care workers
- Transportation workers
- Additional public safety workers

Visit the New Jersey Department of Health [website](#) often for COVID-19 vaccination updates as information becomes available. The State's website allows pre-registration for vaccination. Add your name to the list here: [covidvaccine.nj.gov](https://covidvaccine.nj.gov) or check [vaccinefinder.org](https://vaccinefinder.org) - a free, online service where users can search for locations that offer vaccinations.

**The State Vaccine Hotline Can Now be Used to Make Appointments for COVID Vaccines** – Open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week, at [\(855\) 568-0545](tel:8555680545). Available in English and Spanish.

Eligibility:


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As of January 14, 2021, the following groups are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine:

- ✓ **Paid or unpaid persons working or volunteering in a healthcare setting**
- ✓ **Residents of long-term care facilities and other congregate settings**
- ✓ **Frontline first responders**
- ✓ **Persons aged 65 and older**
- ✓ **Persons aged 16 to 64 years old who have at least one chronic medical condition that poses high-risk for severe COVID-19:**
  - Cancer
  - Chronic Kidney Disease
  - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
  - Down Syndrome
  - Heart conditions (e.g. heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies)
  - Immunocompromised (weakened immune system) due to organ transplant (consult with your doctor)
  - Obesity (e.g. body mass index of 30kg/m<sup>2</sup> or higher)
  - Pregnancy (consult with your doctor)
  - Sickle cell disease
  - Smoking
  - Type 2 diabetes mellitus

These groups can start making vaccination appointments. More groups will become eligible in the coming weeks.

For a list of open vaccination sites nearest to you and register for a COVID-19 vaccine visit [covid19.nj.gov/vaccine](https://www.nj.gov/health/covid19)



### Testing:

All Bergen County Testing information is available [HERE](#) or State of NJ Testing [HERE](#)

### COVID-19 Symptoms

CDC's current list of symptoms of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) includes: fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea. This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19. **If you believe that you may have been exposed or have symptoms, contact your medical provider before you go there.**

How to Protect Yourself and Others – CDC currently recommends that everyone should:

- Clean your hands often
- Avoid close contact
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

While the CDC still recommends a quarantine period of 14 days, [new guidelines](#) have been introduced that shorten the quarantine time period as a means to reduce the burden and increase willingness to adhere to public health recommendations. According to the [new guidelines](#), quarantine can end after day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring, or after day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 of quarantine or later). CDC's modified definition of a close contact specifies 15 minutes or more of close contact (within 6 feet) of exposure to an infected person during a 24-hour period in which the infected person is infectious (cumulative exposure).

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### [Administrative & Executive Orders – NJ](#)

New applications for Small and Micro Business PPE Access Program can be found at [COVID19.nj.gov/ppeaccess](https://COVID19.nj.gov/ppeaccess) for businesses with up to 100 employees, save up to 70% on PPE purchases

#### Travel Advisory:

New Jersey strongly discourages all non-essential interstate travel at this time. Travelers and residents returning from any U.S. state or territory beyond the immediate region (New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware) should self-quarantine at their home, hotel, or other temporary lodging for 14 days. This includes travel by train, bus, car, plane and any other method of transportation. The self-quarantine is voluntary, but **compliance is expected**. For more information, visit: [Covid19.nj.gov/travel](https://Covid19.nj.gov/travel) [OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM](#)

New Jersey has Extended Open Enrollment to **May 15** for its Health Insurance Marketplace – Those whose annual income is up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$51,040 for an individual and \$104,800 for a family of four) qualify for state subsidies when buying health insurance through the state's marketplace. Subsidies are about \$484 per month.

#### **City of Englewood Procedures/Policies**

The City's COVID Committee, in an abundance of caution, has decided that sponsorship of public events will continue to be withheld for at least the first three months of 2021. Additional information will be provided as it is available.

Tennis and Basketball courts re-opened as of July 6<sup>th</sup> 2020. Residents are required to adhere to SOCIAL DISTANCING in the City Parks when possible. Additionally, the WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS is strongly encouraged when practical, as well as frequent washing of hands and/or the use of hand sanitizer. The following areas of City parks remain closed: Playgrounds, Bathrooms, Picnic Areas, Pavilions, Water Fountains, Exercise Stations and Equipment, Athletic Fields (soccer, baseball, etc.). Parking lots will be limited to 50% capacity.

**Please refer to the City of Englewood website at [www.cityofenglewood.org/Coronavirus](http://www.cityofenglewood.org/Coronavirus) for periodic updates.** We will continue to inform the community of further important updates.

Please sign up for NIXLE to receive local updates. Simply text any zip code to 888777 and receive **real-time alerts** and advisories directly from your local police department and other local agencies. There is no charge for registering, but standard text messaging rates associated with your mobile phone service will apply.

For more information, visit the CDC website at [www.CDC.gov/COVID19](http://www.CDC.gov/COVID19) or contact the New Jersey State Department of Health Hotline (NJPIES) at 1-800-222-1222 or at 1-800-962-1253 if in New Jersey but using a non-NJ cell phone. The NJPIES hotline is available 24/7.