



Info Sharing: An Update on COVID-19 in NJ

DB CAN NJ continues our mission to provide accurate and reliable information regarding the deafblind community and the COVID-19 pandemic. This information is summarized from the [NJ.com](#) story posted 1/13/21: "Major expansion of N.J. COVID vaccine eligibility starts tomorrow. Here are the details." A link to the governor's announcement - captioned and in ASL - is at the bottom of this email.

Gov. Murphy has announced that the following people who live, work or study in NJ may now be vaccinated for COVID-19 beginning January 14, 2021:

- **Ages 65 and older**
- **Between the ages 16-64 with medical conditions**, as defined by the CDC (Center for Disease Control), that increase the risk of severe illness from COVID-19 including: cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), Down syndrome, heart conditions, including example heart failure, coronary artery disease and cardiomyopathy, obesity, severe obesity, sickle cell disease and Type-2 diabetes, and smokers. NJ Department of Health Commissioner Judy Persichilli said that no documentation of your medical condition or your age is required.

These groups join health care personnel and long-term care personnel and residents as eligible for vaccines.

HOW TO GET A VACCINE

1. Register at: <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/> (you will have to enter a visual or auditory code to proceed)
2. You will get a confirmation of your registration by email from the NJ Department of Health.
3. DOH will email you when you can make an appointment.
4. The wait time for an appointment can be 8 weeks or longer and depends on how fast the state gets doses.

New Jersey currently has 123 locations where shots are being given. A list of the locations is available at: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/covid-19-vaccine-locations-for-eligible-recipients>

As of Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021, more than [264,000 doses of the vaccine have been administered in New Jersey](#). This includes 236,503 first dose shots and 28,045 people who got their second shot.

Complete COVID-19 information can be found on the New Jersey COVID-19 Hub: covid19.nj.gov. For more information on how vaccines work, vaccine trials and vaccine safety, [visit covid19.nj.gov/vaccine](https://covid19.nj.gov/vaccine).

Governor Murphy's announcement is captioned and ASL interpreted and available at <https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2021/01/major-expansion-of-nj-covid-vaccine-eligibility-starts-tomorrow-here-are-the-details.html>