

COVID-19 Week in Review

Tentative Upcoming COVID-19 Testing Clinics:

> May 17th, 19th, 24th, 2021 at Total Health Chiropractic

• [Register](#)

> May 15th, 2021 at Colonial Park

• [Register](#)

> May 20th, 2021 at Bernards Township Community Center

• [Register](#)

> Other Testing Locations

- 24 Private Locations in Somerset County: [Link](#)
- Mobile testing available upon request. If interested contact SCEOC (SCEOC@co.somerset.nj.us).

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

The following types of PPE are available to the municipalities upon request. Requests can be sent to the [SCEOC](#).

- Respirators (KN95/N95)
- Surgical Masks
- Eye Protection
- Protective suits/gowns
- Bleach
- Hand Sanitizer

Emergency Management Webinars:

> **Personal Assistance Services for Individuals with Disabilities in Shelters May 19th, 2021**

• [Register](#)

> **Air Sensors: Extension of the U.S.-Wide Correction for PurpleAir PM2.5 sensor data during high concentration smoke events May 19th, 2021**

• [Register](#)

> **Exploring the “Guides to Expanding Mitigation” June 2nd, 2021**

• [Register](#)

> **Managing through COVID-19, Its Aftermath, and Beyond June 24th, 2021**

• [Register](#)

Somerset County 7 Day Summary (5/8/21 – 5/14/21)

7 Day Total (CDC)	Decreasing	64.4 per 100k (-28.57% Change)
Percent Positivity (CDC)	Decreasing	2.69 (-1.5% Change)
Testing Volume (CDC)	Decreasing	2361.87 per 100k (-14.05% Change)
Vaccinations (NJ COVID Data Dashboard)	Increasing	18,534 new, 326,075 total vaccine doses administered
(CovidActNow 5/14/2021)		57.5% of Somerset County Residents have received the first of two doses 44.5% are fully vaccinated

Sources: [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#) [NJ COVID Data Dashboard](#) [CovidActNow](#) [Somerset County Coronavirus Hub](#)

News

“Masks still required, rules remain in N.J. as Gov. Murphy reviews new CDC guidance” (5/14/21) New Jersey’s mask rules remain in place, at least for now, as Gov. Phil Murphy’s administration reviews updated federal guidance saying Americans who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 no longer need to wear masks or practice social distancing both indoors and outdoors in most cases. [Article](#)

“Here Are All the COVID Restrictions That Will Vanish in NJ Next Week” (5/13/21) All three tri-state governors have jointly announced plans to lift nearly all remaining COVID business restrictions on May 19. [Article](#)

“COVID-19 vaccination clinics offered in Bernards Township” (5/13/21) The Bernards Township Health Department is holding COVID-19 vaccine clinics on 5/20 and 5/22 for residents 18 years and older. Clinics will be offering both Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. There is no cost for either vaccine. [Article](#)

“Pfizer vaccine could be available for ages 2 and up as early as this fall, exec says” (5/11/21) Data from Pfizer’s coronavirus vaccine trials in children aged 2 years and older could be available as early as this fall, Pfizer’s Senior Vice President of Vaccine Clinical Research and Development Dr. William Gruber said, possibly paving the way for use before the end of 2022. [Article](#)

“Doctors fear COVID-19 vaccines are messing with mammograms” (5/12/21) [Article](#)

EM Related News

“Colonial Pipeline attack tip of the infrastructure risk iceberg: DHS cyber chief (5/12/21) The Colonial Pipeline attack is said to be the work of the Russian ransomware group Darkside. [Article](#)

“White House Warns Other Sectors Amid Fallout from Colonial Pipeline Ransomware Attack” (5/11/21) [Article](#)

“Executive Order on Improving the Nation’s Cybersecurity” (5/12/21) [Press Release](#)

“Gas shortage could last 'weeks' despite Colonial Pipeline restart” (5/13/21) Despite the Colonial Pipeline system getting back online, motorists are still draining gas stations, and it may take "weeks" until gasoline supply returns to normal. [Article](#)

“National EMS Week” May 16-22, 2021, is the 46th annual National EMS Week. In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. This year's theme is This Is EMS: Caring for Our Communities. [Article](#)

“Divided by Wind” (5/11/21) Ocean Wind, the furthest along of several wind power projects proposed off New Jersey beaches, envisions 99 turbines, starting 15 miles from the beach. [Article](#)

“Tropical Storm Andres in the eastern Pacific” (5/11/21) According to the U.S. National Hurricane Center, the average date for the first named storm in the eastern Pacific is June 10, while the first hurricane usually arrives by June 26. [Article](#)

