

COVID-19 Week in Review

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Somerset County 7 Day Summary (6/19/21 – 6/25/21)		
7 Day Total (CDC)	Decreasing	13.38 per 100k (-35.29% Change)
Percent Positivity (CDC)	Decreasing	0.72 (+0.04% Change)
Testing Volume (CDC)	Decreasing	1687.57.72 per 100k (-5.31% Change)
Vaccinations (NJ COVID Data Dashboard)	Increasing	7,493 new, 399,894 total vaccine doses administered
(CovidActNow 6/18/21/2021)		67.2% of Somerset County Residents have received the first of two doses 58.7% are fully vaccinated

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

COVID-19 News

“New COVID-19 Outbreaks Are Driving Some Places Back Under Lockdown And Behind Masks” (6/25/2021) An increase of coronavirus infections around the world is forcing some governments to reimplement lockdown measures to control the spread of the virus. These decisions come as the more transmissible delta variant of the coronavirus becomes the dominant strain in several countries. The picture looks very different in the U.S., where many places are still reopening despite warnings from health officials. [Article](#)

“Coronavirus FAQ: I've Been Vaccinated. Do I Need To Worry About Variants?” (6/25/21) That depends on a few things — including your personal risk tolerance. The COVID-19 vaccines are expected to be protective against the new virus variants, according to the World Health Organization. [Article](#)

“The Only Way We’ll Know When We Need COVID-19 Boosters” (6/23/21) We spent months building up shields against the virus, and we still don’t know how long we can expect that protection to last. [Article](#)

“US to add heart inflammation warning for Covid mRNA vaccines for teens” (6/22/21) US health authorities plan to update official guidance about administering mRNA Covid vaccines to adolescents and young adults after finding a likely link to rare cases of heart inflammation, but say the overall benefits still “clearly” outweigh the risks. [Article](#)

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“How to better protect against environmental nightmares like the Rockton plant fire” (6/16/21) We don’t know yet what caused the horrifying fire that still is smoldering at a chemical plant north of Rockford, but we do know the risk of such events has grown since the state and federal government cut back on inspections and enforcement. [Article](#)

“Woke up sweating’: Texas power companies remotely raise temperatures on people using their smart thermostats” (6/18/21) Power companies in Texas are remotely raising temperatures inside of some customers’ homes amid the state’s ongoing energy shortage. [Article](#)

“Considering the LGBTQ+ Community in Disaster Response” (6/23/21) [Article](#)

“PSEG Accelerates its Net-Zero Climate Vision to 2030” (6/24/21) [Article](#)

“Firefighting Foam Chemicals:DOD Is Investigating PFAS and Responding to Contamination, but Should Report More Cost Information” (6/22/21) Nearly 700 military installations have had a known or suspected release of PFAS—chemicals found in firefighting foam that can have adverse effects on human health. DOD is in the early phases of environmental investigations at these locations. DOD has also acted in some cases to address PFAS-contaminated drinking water, such as by providing bottled water and installing treatment systems. [Article](#)

