

COVID-19 Week in Review

Tentative Upcoming COVID-19 Testing Clinics:

> **March 29 & 31 2021 at Total Health Chiropractic (Bridgewater)**

• [Register](#)

> **March 28, 2021 at Franklin Middle School**

• [Register](#)

> **April 1, 2021 at Peapack and Gladstone Municipal Gym**

• [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) for more information.

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:

> **Basic Workshop in Emergency Management April 23, 2021**

• [Register](#)

Long Term Care Facilities may obtain BinaxNow Test Kits by contacting the state email address:

CNLLTCSEPHENotification@doh.nj.gov

Please email SCEOC if you have any COVID-19 related questions or suggestions for future articles.

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Somerset County 7 Day Summary (3/20/21 – 3/26/21)		
7 Day Total (CDC)	Increasing	286.38 per 100k (+9.28% Change)
Percent Positivity (CDC)	Stable	6.72 (-0.66% Change)
Testing Volume (CDC)	Decreasing	3066 per 100k (-11.08% Change)
Hospital COVID-19 Admissions (NJHA Healthcare Coalition Dashboard)	Increasing	30 (+114% Change)
Percent Beds Used (COVID) (NJHA Healthcare Coalition Dashboard - Total 323 beds)	Increasing	12% (+107% Change)
Percent ICU Beds Used (COVID) (NJHA Healthcare Coalition Dashboard - Total 46 beds)	Increasing	4 (+100% Change)
Vaccinations (NJ COVID Data Dashboard)	Increasing	21,242 new, 154,116 total vaccine doses
(CovidActNow 3/26/2021)		29.8% of Somerset County Residents have received the first dose 16.5% have received the second dose

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

News

“Why COVID-19 Is Surging In New Jersey But Flat In New York” (3/25/21) This may be a result of vaccine disparities within minority populations and variants. “We have to step our game up. We have to focus on high-density areas and also in diverse neighborhoods... areas that have less accessibility to the vaccine.” [Article](#)

“AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine confirms 76% efficacy in US trial against Covid-19” (3/25/21) “The data release comes after a remarkable public rebuke from the National Institutes of Health for how AstraZeneca presented some of its older results showing higher efficacy earlier this week.” [Article](#)

“Gov. Murphy: Surge In COVID Variants In NJ Will Delay Reopenings” (3/23/21) The surge in variants means that New Jersey won't have reopenings in the near future. He didn't provide a specific timeline. [Article](#)

“Don't Be Surprised When Vaccinated People Get Infected” (3/19/21) [Article](#)

“Rutgers Will Require COVID-19 Vaccines For All Students” (3/25/21) All students who wish to return to in-person classes even if they live off-campus must prove they have been vaccinated against the coronavirus. Rutgers appears to be the first college or university in the nation to make such a requirement of its students. [Article](#)

“NJ Counties Backslide In Coronavirus Crisis: Here's Where” (3/22/21) [Article](#)

“COVID research updates: Coronavirus antibodies last for months — if you have them” (3/25/21) “Nature reviews literature on the coronavirus — and summarizes key papers as they appear.” [Article](#)

“Shots in little arms: COVID-19 vaccine testing turns to kids” (3/26/21) [Article](#)

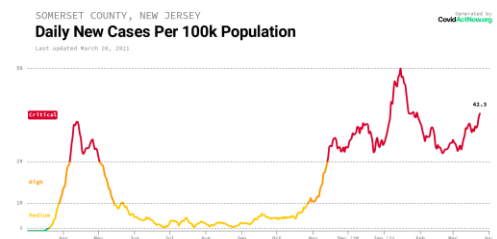
Updates

Somerset County Variant Data:

- B.1.1.7 (U.K) Variant: 13 cases
- B.1.526 (New York): 1 case (NJ COVID-19 Information Hub: [Link](#))

Regularly Updated COVID-19 Data/Sources:

- CDC Covid Data Tracker: [Link](#)
- CDC Variant Cases in the US: [Link](#)
- NJ COVID-19 Information Hub: [Link](#)
- Somerset County Coronavirus Hub: [Link](#)
- COVID ActNow: [Link](#)
- *NY Times* Tracking Coronavirus (Somerset County): [Link](#)
- *NY Times* Hospital I.C.U Occupancy: [Link](#)
- *John Hopkins* COVID-19 Somerset County Status Report: [Link](#)
- *My Central Jersey* COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker: [Link](#)



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