

# COVID-19 Week in Review

## Tentative Upcoming COVID-19 Testing Clinics:

> April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 at Total Health Chiropractic (Bridgewater)

- [Register](#)

> April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at Skillman Park

- [Register](#)

> April 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

- [Register](#)

> **Learn the what, why and how to integrate Sign Language interpreters in emergency management April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

- [Register](#)

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 (3/27/21 – 4/2/21)		
7 Day Total (CDC)	<b>Increasing</b>	310.4 per 100k (+4.83% Change)
Percent Positivity (CDC)	<b>Increasing</b>	9.05 (+2.25% Change)
Testing Volume (CDC)	<b>Increasing</b>	3659 per 100k (+3.81% Change)
Hospital Confirmed COVID-19 Cases (NJHA Healthcare Coalition Dashboard)	<b>Increasing</b>	45 (+50% Change)
COVID-19 Related ER Visits	<b>Increasing</b>	134 (15% of all ER visits) (+52 Change)
Percent Beds Used (COVID) (NJHA Healthcare Coalition Dashboard - Total 323 beds)	<b>Increasing</b>	17% (+37.5% Change)
Percent ICU Beds Used (COVID) (NJHA Healthcare Coalition Dashboard - Total 46 beds)	<b>Stable</b>	4 (+0% Change)
Vaccinations (NJ COVID Data Dashboard)	<b>Increasing</b>	2,836 new, 182,952 total vaccine doses administered
<u>(CovidActNow 4/2/2021)</u>		35.5% of Somerset County Residents have received the first dose 20.6% are fully vaccinated

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

## News

**“How long will the coronavirus vaccines protect you? Experts weigh in.” (3/29/21)**

Researchers are continuing to study this issue but say a minimum of three months but there are many contributing factors, such as variants and individual immune response.

[Article](#)

**“COVID waste, discarded face masks are killing wildlife around the globe” (3/26/21)**

“A team of biologists is revealing the damage disposable COVID safety gear is having on the world’s animal population. They have been collecting data and evidence of the consequences of COVID waste pollution on animals worldwide.” [Article](#)

**“COVID research updates: New coronavirus variants spur multi-talented antibody response” (3/30/21)** This implies that updated vaccines against 501Y.V2 could also protect against earlier coronavirus variants. ‘Real-world’ study finds vaccines sharply cut infection risk. [Article](#)

**“New Jersey rolling out new vaccination vans to bring Covid-19 relief to hard-to-reach people” (3/26/21)** [Article](#)

**“Pfizer Says COVID-19 Vaccine Shows '100% Efficacy' In Adolescents” (3/31/21)** New clinical trials showed that Pfizer's vaccine elicits "100% efficacy and robust antibody responses" in adolescents from 12-15 years old. The trial included 2,260 trial participants. The results are even better than earlier responses from participants ages 16-25.

[Article](#)

**“Virus variants drive new surge in COVID-19 cases across NJ” (3/30/21)** [Article](#)

**“CDC Director's Warning Of 'Impending Doom' Sparks Fear Of Another Bad COVID-19 Surge” (3/29/21)** CDC Director issued a stark and emotional warning of "impending doom" as infections, hospitalization and deaths rise, fueling fears of another surge. [Article](#)

**“New Jersey Launches COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Finder” (3/31/21)** New tool collects information across multiple scheduling platforms, multiple times an hour letting you know when appointments are open. [Article](#)

## Updates

### Outdoor Gatherings:

- Limit Increase to 200 people (from 50)
- College and youth sporting events permitted up to 200 spectators if venue can accommodate social distancing.
- Uncapped for religious services, political activities, weddings, funerals, and memorials services.

### Large Venues (capacity of 2,500 or more):

- 20% indoor capacity
- 30% capacity outdoors
- Capacity limits exclude participants, such as athletes and performers, and staff, such as coaches and ushers.

### Catered Events:

- Limit can host 35% of indoor capacity, up to 150 persons

### Indoor Gatherings:

- Limit remains at 25 people
- [Press Release](#)

