

Governor Phil Murphy



Governor Murphy and First Lady Tammy Murphy Announce “Grateful for the Shot” Vaccination Events to Reduce Vaccine Hesitancy in a Trusted, Fun, and Community Atmosphere

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This Weekend, Fourteen Houses of Worship Across the State Will Host Community Vaccination Sites to Encourage COVID-19 Vaccinations

Additional Events Expected Across the State in the Coming Weeks

TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy and First Lady Tammy Murphy today announced that fourteen houses of worship will be hosting a “Grateful for the Shot” COVID-19 vaccination site this weekend, May 21, 22, and 23, to reduce vaccine hesitancy and ramp up vaccination efforts across New Jersey. In partnership with the New Jersey Governor’s Office, the New Jersey First Lady’s Office, the New Jersey Department of Health, the New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund, and New Jersey faith leaders, the “Grateful for the Shot” initiative brings vaccinations to congregations in targeted communities and municipalities over the next several weekends.

Each event will have a “block party” feel in a trusted and community atmosphere with a mix of food, music, and prizes in order to break down barriers to accessing the vaccine for individuals and families. “Grateful for the Shot” is part of “Operation Jersey Summer”, the statewide public awareness campaign aimed at vaccinating all eligible individuals who live, work, or study in New Jersey against COVID-19. The community events at houses of worship are funded by the New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund.

“Our diverse group of faith leaders are trusted members of the community, and trust is critical in winning our fight against COVID-19,” **said Governor Murphy**. “For the last several months, our houses of worship have generously turned their sanctuaries and community rooms into vaccination centers for their congregants. Through our work with the New Jersey Department of Health, and in partnership with the New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund, we are building on these efforts and making the vaccination process easy and accessible for our underserved communities.”

“From maternal and infant health, to food insecurity, to housing, and more, New Jersey’s faith community has been an incredible network of support long before the COVID-19 pandemic began,” **said First Lady Tammy Murphy, Founding Chair, New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund**. “Now, our ‘Grateful for the Shot’ program allows us to continue our partnership with houses of worship to ensure equitable access to vaccines in many underserved communities. By opening their doors for COVID-19 testing and vaccine clinics and sustaining our spirits through months of isolation, our communities of faith are key partners in this effort, and we are grateful to have them in New Jersey’s fight to end this pandemic.”

“Working with trusted interfaith partners throughout the state, we have been able to reach deeper into communities to make COVID-19 vaccines available,” **said New Jersey Department of Health Commissioner Judith Persichilli**. “We are ‘grateful’ to all involved in this important endeavor to increase accessibility to the vaccine allowing more residents gain protection against the virus.”

“Over the past year, the NJPRF has successfully harnessed the indomitable Jersey spirit to support our residents throughout the pandemic,” **said Josh Weinreich, Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund**. “As New Jersey works to further increase vaccination among all eligible individuals, we are thrilled to be a part of ‘Grateful for the Shot’ across the state. The events and the commitment and dedication from the participating houses of worship once again showcases the best of New Jersey as we approach this critical vaccine milestone”

Friday, May 21, 2021

Essex County

New Hope Baptist Church of East Orange
144 Norman St, East Orange, NJ 07017
Time: 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Burlington County

Church of the Good Shepherd
110 Buckingham Dr, Willingboro, NJ 08046
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Bergen County

Shiloh A.M.E. Zion Church
129 William St., Englewood, NJ 07631
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Camden County
 New Beginnings/CEA/PBCIP
 Farnham Park, 1648 Baird Blvd., Camden, NJ 08103
 Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Cumberland County
 Shiloh Baptist Church
 1837 Northeast Boulevard, Vineland, NJ 08360
 Time: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Essex County
 Dominion Hope of Glory
 337 Avon Avenue, Newark, NJ 07108
 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Sacred Heart Church
 12 State Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003
 Time: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Gloucester County
 Victory In Christ Christian Center
 1055 Delsea Drive, Westville, NJ 08093
 Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Hudson County
 Wallace Temple AME Zion Church
 26 West 16th Street Bayonne, NJ 07002
 Time: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Ocean County
 All Saints Episcopal Church
 La Casa De La Tia Restaurant
 202 Main Street, Lakewood, NJ
 Time: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Passaic County
 Mt Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church and Bethel AME Church Passaic
 163 Autumn Street, Passaic, NJ 07055
 Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Somerset County
 The United Methodist Church of Bound Brook
 150 West Union Ave., Bound Brook, NJ 08805
 Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Union County
 Hollywood Blue Ribbon & African Diaspora for Justice
 256 Hollywood Ave. Hillside, NJ 07205
 Time: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 New Zion Baptist Church
 800-822 Flora Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201
 Time: 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

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