

CANVASSING INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for joining the **NJ COVID Community Corps' Let's Get Vaccinated!** campaign. As a CCC volunteer, you are playing an important role in **increasing public confidence in and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines in underserved communities** across New Jersey.

If you have any questions, contact site lead (Nayeli) at **609-954-9239**

If a person has a question you cannot answer, encourage them to find more information at covid19.nj.gov/vaccine

At the end of your shift, please fill out the **volunteer survey log** (given to you or found at <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/communitycorps>)

Use the script below the help guide conversation – you do not need to follow word for word:

Hello, my name is _____. How are you doing today?

After the person's response: We are volunteering with the New Jersey Department of Health to help with scheduling for the COVID-19 vaccine. Can we help you or someone in your household schedule a vaccine appointment?

If the person is already vaccinated: Great! May I give you a flyer that you can give to friends and family who might not be?

If the person is interested in scheduling an appointment: Great! Do you have a few minutes? The NJ Department of Health has a dedicated call line that can help you schedule an appointment at the nearest site, and we can connect you to the hotline.

*If the person is willing to have you schedule their appointment, call **855-429-1168**, help them register, and give them the flyer. If the person says they would prefer scheduling on their own time, thank them for their time and give them the flyer.*

If the person is not interested in getting vaccinated: No worries. May we give you a flyer with information on the nearest vaccination sites in case someone you know is interested in getting vaccinated?

*(If the person voluntarily shares their concerns about the vaccine with you, thank them and take note for inclusion in the **volunteer survey** at the end of your shift. If the person asks you specific questions, answer them if you can, but **respect people's decisions and do not engage in a debate**)*

PRIORITIZE YOUR AND OTHERS' SAFETY



- Canvass in pairs whenever possible
- Pay attention to your surroundings
- Wear masks and maintain social distancing



- Do not go through closed gates, into yards with large dogs, or onto property with no-trespassing sign
- Never enter a residency

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Are the vaccines safe?

Yes! As of April 27, three vaccine brands (Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson) are approved by the FDA for Emergency Use based on their consistent quality and safety. The vaccines have been studied in clinical trials with rigorous quality standard. The vaccines do not contain the live virus and you cannot become sick with COVID-19 from getting the vaccine.



How many shots of COVID vaccine will be needed?

Both Pfizer and Moderna require two shots. These vaccines are not interchangeable meaning you need to receive two doses of the same vaccine. The J&J vaccine is only one dose.



Is one COVID-19 vaccine preferred over the other?

The CDC does not state a product preference. All the vaccines that are currently available were studied in different trials, among different people and different timelines.



Is there a cost for the COVID-19 vaccine?

There are no out-of-pocket costs for the COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 vaccines will be made available to individuals regardless of insurance coverage status



Am I eligible?

As of April 19th, all people who live, work, or are being educated in New Jersey aged 16 and above are eligible.



What are some of the vaccine side effects?

The most common side effects are injection site pain, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, and joint pain. In most cases, these side effects are normal; side effects are due to the injection itself and your body's natural immune reaction. They are not caused by COVID-19.



What happened to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine?

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had recommended that the pause on the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine be lifted and that use of the vaccine can resume. The federal agencies said they have "confidence that this vaccine is safe and effective in preventing COVID-19."