

A MESSAGE FROM THE ISLAND HEIGHTS BOARD OF HEALTH

Beginning April 19, all New Jerseyans ages 16 and older will be eligible for the vaccine. If you or someone you know, need assistance in securing an appointment for the vaccine, please call the Borough Clerk at (732) 270-6415.

If you are still hesitant about getting vaccinated or need more information, the New Jersey Department of Health will be hosting a virtual town hall on April 27, 7-8pm, as part of the Department's *Saving Lives With the COVID-19 Vaccine* series. This town hall, moderated by Dr. Meg Fisher, special advisor to NJDOH Commissioner Persichilli, will feature:

- DR. IRINI DASKALAKI, *a pediatric infectious disease physician, medical epidemiologist and Medical Lead, COVID19 Response, Princeton University Health Services*
- DR. HAFEZA SHAIKH, *Cherry Hill Free Clinic and co-founder of CommUNITY SJP*
- DR. TAMARA GREEN, *a board certified emergency medicine physician.*

Admission is free but registration is required. You will be able to submit a question to be asked during the town hall meeting on your registration form. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/3rRLrPX>.

COVID-19 REMAINS VERY ACTIVE IN NEW JERSEY PLEASE CONTINUE TO



WEAR MASK



STAY 6' APART



AVOID CROWDS



GET VACCINATED

THANK YOU!



COVID-19 VACCINES - WHAT EXPERTS SAY ABOUT SAFETY

VACCINE SAFETY

COVID-19 vaccines help our bodies develop immunity to the virus that causes COVID-19 without us having to get the illness. All COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the U.S. have undergone the most rigorous testing of any vaccines in our history, and the results were reviewed by multiple experts.

ALL DATA SUGGESTS THE VACCINES ARE **VERY SAFE** AND **HIGHLY EFFECTIVE.**

ALL VACCINES HAVE UNDERGONE EXTREMELY RIGOROUS REVIEW TO



ENSURE SAFETY STANDARDS



The vaccines have been tested by people of all ages over 18 and all races and ethnicities and included people with pre-existing conditions.

Over 30% of U.S. participants in studies were Hispanic, African American, Asian or Native American. About half were older adults. There were no significant safety concerns identified in these or any other groups, even those with existing health concerns.

Multiple federal agencies, including the FDA and Health & Human Services, have reviewed data about the

EFFECTIVENESS AND POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF THE VACCINES

WHY TAKE THE VACCINE?

To date, hundreds of thousands of people in the U.S. have died as a result of COVID-19. The vaccines offer a safe and effective way to slow and possibly stop the toll of this health crisis.

DURING CLINICAL TRIALS, ALL VACCINES WERE FOUND TO BE OVER 85% EFFECTIVE AT PREVENTING SEVERE DISEASE.

New data also shows the COVID-19 vaccines to be highly effective at reducing the spread of the virus.



KEY FACTORS THAT LED TO THE RELATIVELY QUICK DEVELOPMENT:

Scientists had a head start based on previous work studying other similar respiratory viruses.

Special COVID-19 funding and resources allowed trials to be conducted more efficiently and for vaccines to be manufactured earlier.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Individuals who have allergies to other vaccines or carry an epi-pen should consult with their healthcare provider. However, severe allergic reactions have been very rare, and medical personnel can respond in the event someone does have a reaction.

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