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Long Beach Island Health Department Continues to Offer all Available Covid-19 Immunizations

Since December 24th Long Beach Island has reported 102 new infections, with a recent greater frequency of infections occurring in children and adolescents. As we endure another surge in Covid-19 infections, at a rate and speed, that we have not encountered during this pandemic, we continue our efforts to protect individuals and our community through immunizations. We see it quite clearly in the Hospital data, the vaccine benefits are enduring with both Delta and Omicron variants circulating.

What we are seeing is a variety of stress points in our healthcare system and community due to the rate and speed of Covid-19 infections. Hospital emergency departments are experiencing very high patient volume and covid positivity. For months, acute care facilities have reported the most seriously ill patients and those requiring hospitalization have not been immunized. Starting around Thanksgiving, monoclonal antibody treatment shortages and supply rationing continues. Those treatments are critical for individuals at high risk of Covid complications. Many are experiencing overall difficulty accessing testing and unnecessarily filling up the emergency departments. New antiviral medications have been approved but are limited in supply and dependent on quick diagnosis and administering with 5 days of symptom onset for the best therapeutic benefits. We would like to see everyone immunized and boosted to help alleviate a number of these downstream consequences as a result of this continued surge.

The positive is vaccines are in abundant supply, easily accessible, available for 5 years of age and up to provide around the clock protection from this virus. The vaccine does not require a prescription as the benefits are so universally accepted and it can be given to just about everyone.

[CLICK HERE](#) to schedule an appointment for the booster or for your first vaccine dose. However, we offer first vaccine dose as an option for Walk-In on Wednesdays from 9-12pm.

Local Resources: Long Beach Island Residents that are homebound or with lack of internet access or computer literacy who need assistance with navigating scheduling an appointment please call (609) 492-1212.

New Jersey Resources: To find additional access to Covid-19 vaccines, you can search by your zip code and distance from home <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>