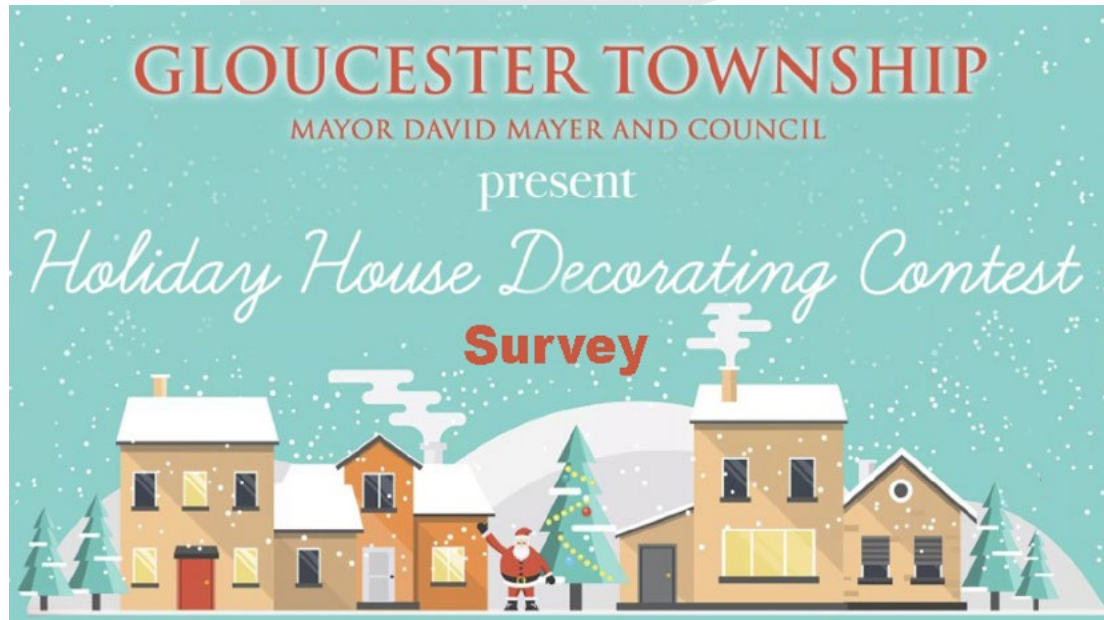


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GTWorks is Mayor David R. Mayer's weekly newsletter that informs residents of the current projects and events happening in Gloucester Township.

From the Police Department to Public Works to the Department of Recreation, we want you to stay In the Know of the latest news in our community!



December 30, 2020



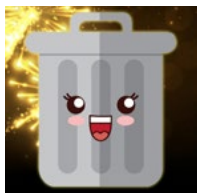
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Holiday House Decorating Contest Survey Available Now!

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry in the 2020 Gloucester Township Holiday House Decorating Contest!

There was an overwhelming response and we have 44 contestants to be judged by our residents! Residents are encouraged to visit our Flickr account to take a look at all of the entries, then take a brief survey to vote on the best decorated house in your opinion.

The survey will be available till EOD Thursday, December 31st. The winners (3 places) will be announced on Friday, January 1st, and presented with a gift card to a local business.

If you have any questions, please contact Mayor's Office at 856-374-3514 or email mayor@glotwp.com

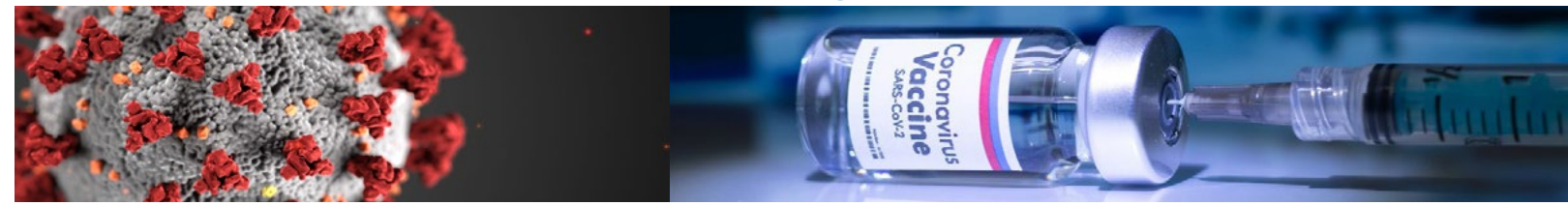
GOOD LUCK!!

View Entries
CLICK HERE

Take Survey
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Important COVID-19 Vaccine Information for New Jersey Residents



New Jersey will roll out COVID-19 vaccines step-by-step to serve all adults who live, work, or are being educated in the state. While the State's current plan is highlighted below, the plan will continually be updated in response to the changing circumstances of the pandemic.

New Jersey's COVID-19 vaccination program aims to:

- Provide equitable access to all who live, work, and/or are educated in New Jersey
- Achieve community protection, assuming vaccine effectiveness, availability, and uptake
- Build sustainable trust in COVID-19 and other vaccines

The State's goal is to vaccinate 70 percent of the adult population – or 4.7 million adults – within six months.

Currently, vaccines are available to those who are in Phase 1A which includes paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials as well as residents and staff of long-term care facilities.

Once vaccine availability expands, vaccination will advance to Phase 1B, then Phase 1C, and then Phase 2.

Currently, Phase 1B of vaccination will include frontline essential workers and individuals over 75; Phase 1C will include other essential workers, adults 65-74, and persons aged 16-64 with medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19.

Following these phases, the general public (Phase 2) will be eligible for vaccination.

For more information about the phased approach and priority groups, refer to this [Health Department Document](#)

COVID-19 Vaccination will help keep you from getting COVID-19

- All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States have been shown to be highly effective at preventing COVID-19. [Learn more about the different COVID-19 vaccines.](#)

- All COVID-19 vaccines that are in development are being carefully evaluated in clinical trials and will be authorized or approved only if they make it substantially less likely you'll get COVID-19. [Learn more about how federal partners are ensuring COVID-19 vaccines work.](#)

- Based on what we know about vaccines for other diseases and early data from clinical trials, experts believe that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may also help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19.

- Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, [particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.](#)

- Experts continue to conduct more studies about the effect of COVID-19 vaccination on severity of illness from COVID-19, as well as its ability to keep people from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

COVID-19 Vaccination will be an important tool to help stop the pandemic

Wearing masks and social distancing help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, but these measures are not enough. Vaccines will work with your immune system so it will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed.

The combination of getting vaccinated and following CDC's recommendations [to protect yourself and others](#) will offer the best protection from COVID-19.

Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools we have available. As experts learn more about how COVID-19 vaccination may help reduce spread of the disease in communities, CDC will continue to update the recommendations to protect communities using the latest science.

COVID-19 Vaccination is a safer way to help build protection

COVID-19 can have [serious, life-threatening complications](#), and there is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you. And if you get sick, you could spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you.

Clinical trials of all vaccines must first show they are safe and effective before any vaccine can be authorized or approved for use, including COVID-19 vaccines. The known and potential benefits of a COVID-19 vaccine must outweigh the known and potential risks of the vaccine for use under what is known as an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). [Watch a video on what an EUA is.](#)

Getting COVID-19 may offer some natural protection, known as immunity. But experts don't know how long this protection lasts, and the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity. COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by creating an antibody (immune system) response without having to experience sickness.

Both natural immunity and immunity produced by a vaccine are important parts of COVID-19 disease that experts are trying to learn more about, and CDC will keep the public informed as new evidence becomes available.



The Gloucester Township Police Hiring Board: Pictured (L to R) are Patrolman David Vannoni, Captain Brendon Barton, Deputy Chief Anthony Minosse, Lieutenant Jason Gittens, and Sergeant Matthew Crabtree.

Interested in Becoming a Police Officer?

Gloucester Township, New Jersey residents interested in becoming a Gloucester Township Police Officer must take the examination administered by the New Jersey Department of Personnel in order to be considered for employment. Police Officer examinations are held periodically by the State of New Jersey Civil Service Commission and further information regarding testing dates and filing procedures can be found on their website: <http://www.nj.gov/csc/> General requirements for taking the New Jersey Department of Personnel Examination to be a police officer in Gloucester Township are:

- Must be a citizen of the United States
- Must meet residency requirements (you must be a resident of Gloucester Township at the closing date of the application and remain a resident of Gloucester Township up to when you are actually hired or list expires)
- A high school graduate or vocational high school or possess an approved high school equivalency certificate
- Must be no less than 18 years of age at the announced closing date and no older than 35 years of age when you file the application for the examination
- Must possess a valid New Jersey driver's license
- You are required to undergo both physical and psychological examination by the appointing authority
- Candidates will be required to undergo extensive background investigation and oral review board
- Candidates are required to complete a full time Basic Police Officer Academy Training course at a police academy approved by the New Jersey Police Training Commission. This training consists of approximately 24 weeks. Candidates are paid while in their training.
- Upon graduating the academy, candidates will participate in an intense Field Training Program for approximately 18 weeks where they will be partnered with officers who have been specially trained to assist officers in preparing for police duty.



Read more about all GTPD career opportunities here: <https://gtpolice.com/career-opportunities/>

What Should I Do With My Christmas Tree?

NJDEP reminds their constituents that it is not permissible to dispose of Christmas trees through open burning or bonfires. The burning of Christmas tree wood, as opposed to safe wood burning, reduces air quality by creating additional smoke and particulate matter and can increase the risk of wildfires in some areas. DEP suggests more sustainable disposal methods, such as chipping, mulching, and/or dune construction. To see full details of the advisory, please follow this [link](#).





ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

Similar to Christmas Day, your trash and recycling pick-up will be affected by the holiday this week. Trash and recycling will follow normal schedule on New Year's Eve (Thursday, December 31st). Trash and recycling will NOT be collected on New Year's Day (Friday, January 1st).

TRASH:

Trash collection will resume on Saturday, January 2nd. If your scheduled trash day is Friday, trash will be collected on Saturday. Please have your trash out by 4:00 pm on Friday for an early pick-up on Saturday.

RECYCLING:

Recycling will be picked up Monday, January 4th.

Ring out the Old - Ring in the New!



Click here to watch the video:



"2020 has had its challenges; but now it's the new year! Let's all continue to work together this coming year to make one of the best years for our community ever!" David R. Mayer



Let's Keep In Touch!

As your Mayor, I'm eager to hear from you should you have questions or concerns; so please do not hesitate to call my office at (856) 374-3514 or email me at dmayer@glotwp.com

I'd like to thank you for choosing our beautiful Gloucester Township your residence and for making our community a great place to live, work and play!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Mayer".



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