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## Overcoming Vaccine Hesitancy

Over **4.8 billion doses** of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered worldwide. This is a huge number. Despite the wide use of these vaccines, their proper testing in clinical trials, and their **clear effectiveness** in the real world (and the absence of massive deaths from the vaccine in the elderly that some anti-vaxxers predicted), a small percentage of people admit they could be persuaded to get the vaccine but would rather not. We have been attempting to provide accurate information, dispel myths, and address any questions or issues that have been raised. We have to continue to increase the numbers of people vaccinated so that we can fight the virus. Time is of the essence. Waiting too long to get vaccinated is allowing the virus to continue to spread. Every person counts. Please reach out to us if you need help in making this very important decision.



### Overcoming COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy | Aminah Leekins Shares Her Story

Aminah Leekins, supply chain manager at Howard County General Hospital, was initially hesitant about getting the COVID-19 vaccine. She had heard about possib...

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## Vaccines and Traveling

Many countries require visitors to be vaccinated. Make sure you review the most up to date **COVID-19 travel guidelines** for both the U.S. and the country you are visiting. Being vaccinated as well as having a booster (if eligible) will provide a layer of protection.



### Travel Recommendations - CDC

COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination

[cdc.gov](#)

## COVID-19 Boosters

In both NY and NJ we are still planning to offer COVID-19 Booster Clinics. If you are interested in having a Booster shot and would like to participate in our Booster Clinic, please let us know. In NY, if interested, email Shyanne Gadson - [sgadson@cfsny.org](mailto:sgadson@cfsny.org). In NJ, if interested, email Donna Messina [dmessina@cfsny.org](mailto:dmessina@cfsny.org)

However, Booster shots are widely available to those who are eligible including our Direct Support Professional workforce. Click links below to schedule a Booster shot in your community. In NYC if you text your zip code to 438829, you can see vaccine locations in your neighborhood and it even asks you if you want a ride!



### NY Booster Doses Appointment Finder

Maximize your protection against COVID-19. Free booster shots are widely available statewide for eligible New Yorkers.

[covid19vaccine.health...](#)



### NEW JERSEY COVID-19 Information Hu

### NJ Vaccine Appointment Finder (Including Boosters)

Find and schedule a vaccine appointment at New Jersey vaccination locations near you. All individuals aged 12 and older who live, work, or study in New Jersey are eligible for COVID-19 vaccines.

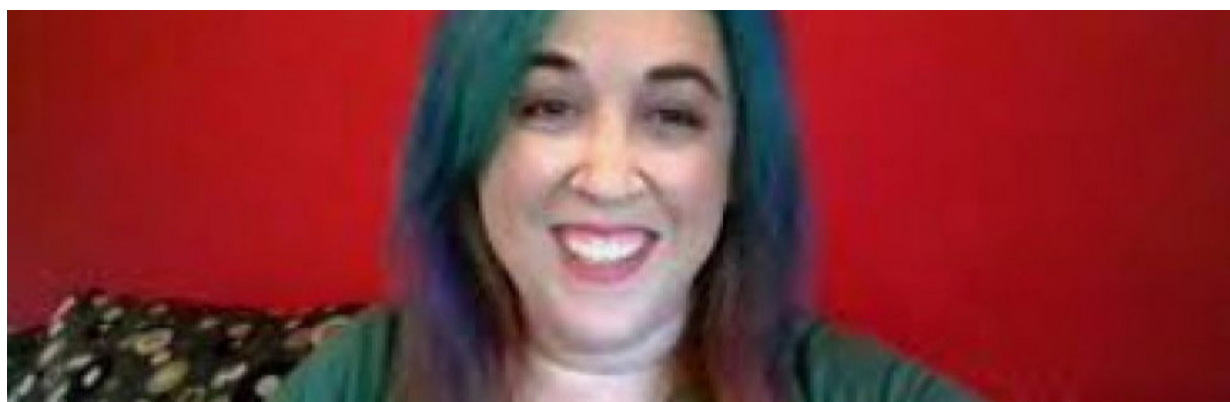
[covid19.nj.gov](#)

## COVID-19 Vaccines Are Available for Children Ages 5 to 17! Get Your Child Vaccinated Today!



### Click to Read More About COVID-19 Vaccines for Children 5-12

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### TikTok doctor, mom of 4 answers COVID questions she gets asked the most by parents

TikTok's "AskDrMom" answers some of the COVID-related questions she gets asked the most by parents.

[yahoo.com](#)

## We Want to Hear From You!

We want to make sure we are properly counting the numbers of staff who are vaccinated. So if you have been vaccinated make sure to send a copy of your vaccine card to [hvacstats@cfsny.org](mailto:hvacstats@cfsny.org).

As we receive information on additional mandates that will impact our workforce, we will share that information with you. However, in the meantime, join the millions of people and GET VACCINATED.

YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE AND A CHANCE TO WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD



WINNER OF THE \$100 GIFT CARD

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