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COVID-19 Video Briefing # 2022-2

Hi, this is Mayor Bob White. Today is Saturday, February 5th, 2022 and this is my second COVID-19 briefing of this year. My last briefing was a month ago when our state was experiencing a sharp rise in cases of COVID-19, driven by the Omicron variant. Today we are in a much better place. Omicron has peaked and cases have decreased about 70 percent over the last 2 weeks. Hospitalizations are down almost 60 percent and testing has slowed significantly.

Even though we have made great progress in the fight against Omicron we must continue to remain vigilant. The CDC is continuing to urge everyone to get vaccinated and boosted. Vaccines are safe and highly effective at protecting people from serious illness and death. The CDC also continues to recommend wearing a mask in a public indoor setting, regardless of vaccination status. They recently updated their mask guidance to emphasize the need for a well-fitted mask with KN95 and N95 providing the best protection.

Protocols requiring face coverings in township facilities remain in effect. Anyone entering a township building is required to wear a face covering, regardless of vaccination status, except where a disability prevents such use. Given the reduction in cases, we are re-opening the senior center beginning Monday, February 7th. Public schools and the library have remained open through the Omicron surge and will continue to do so.

If you have questions or concerns about getting a vaccine, the CDC website (www.cdc.gov) has helpful information backed by the latest research and data. You can also learn more by going to our state website covid19.nj.gov or calling the vaccine hotline at 855-568-0545.

For more general information about COVID-19, please go to the township website saddlebrooknj.us or call our Health Department at 201-587-2903. Rest assured that Saddle Brook is working together with county, state, and federal officials to do all we can to win this fight against COVID-19. Thank you and God Bless.

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HELPFUL COVID-19 INFORMATIONAL PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

CDC Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

CDC Questions about Vaccines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-cov/vaccines/index.html>.

N.J. COVID-19 Information Hub: <https://covid19.nj.gov>

N.J. Vaccine Hotline: 855-568-0545 (Sun. – Mon. 8AM – 8PM)

N.J. Dept. of Health Free COVID-19 Test Kits / Vaccine for Homebound: <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/testing-and-treatment/how-do-i-get-a-free-at-home-covid-19-saliva-test>

Assistance with Food & Bills: Dial 211 or Visit Website <https://www.nj211.org>

Bergen County Social Services: 1-833-416-8773 (Sun. – Mon. 8AM – 8PM)

Bergen County COVID-19 Info. Links: <https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/covid-19-information-links>

Bergen County Vaccine Finder: <https://www.newbridgehealth.org/health-services/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination>

Township of Saddle Brook:

- **Website:** <https://saddlebrooknj.us>
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/SaddleBrookTownship>
- **Public Access Television:** Ch. 77 Cablevision, Ch. 38 Verizon Fios
- **Health Department:** 201-587-2903 or 201-587-2900



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