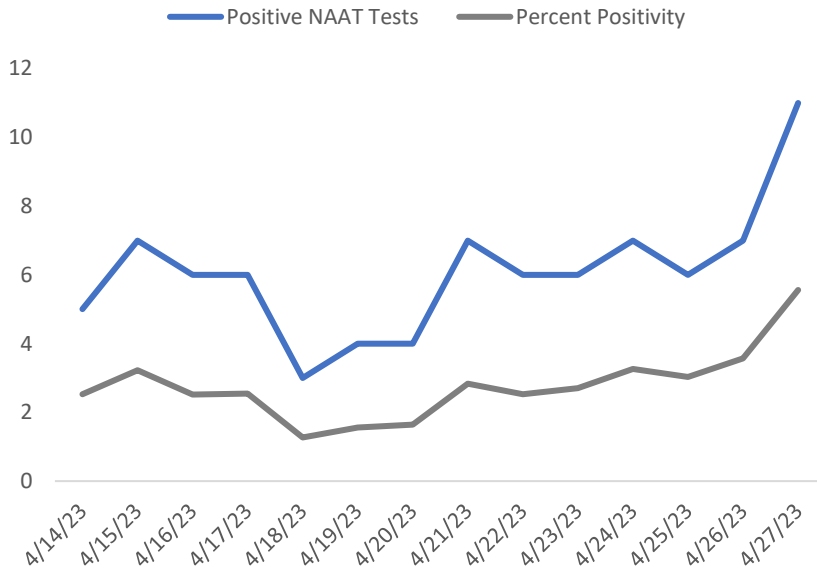




### New Britain COVID-19 Report April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### New Britain Positive COVID-19 in the Past 7 Days



As of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in New Britain, for the past 7 days, there were 11 positive NAAT tests, and the percent positivity (NAAT) is 5.56%. In New Britain, in the last 7 days, there were 4 positive antigen tests.

A total of 10 cases of COVID-19 were reported in the last 7 days.

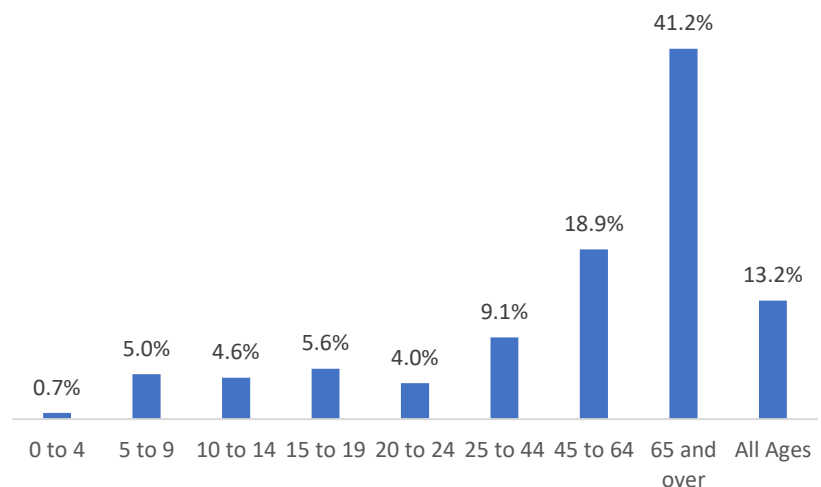
COVID-19 Community Transmission in New Britain is Low.

SOURCE: CT DATA

As of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 13.2% of New Britain residents (all ages) have received a COVID-19 bivalent booster.

#### COVID-19 (Bivalent) Booster Coverage by Age Group in New Britain

The age group with the highest percent of individuals with a bivalent dose is 65 and older (41.2%), followed by 45-64 (18.9%), 25-44 (9.1%), 15-19 (5.6%), 5-9 (5.0%), 10-14 (4.6%), 20-24 (4.0%) and 0-4 (0.7%).



SOURCE: CT DATA



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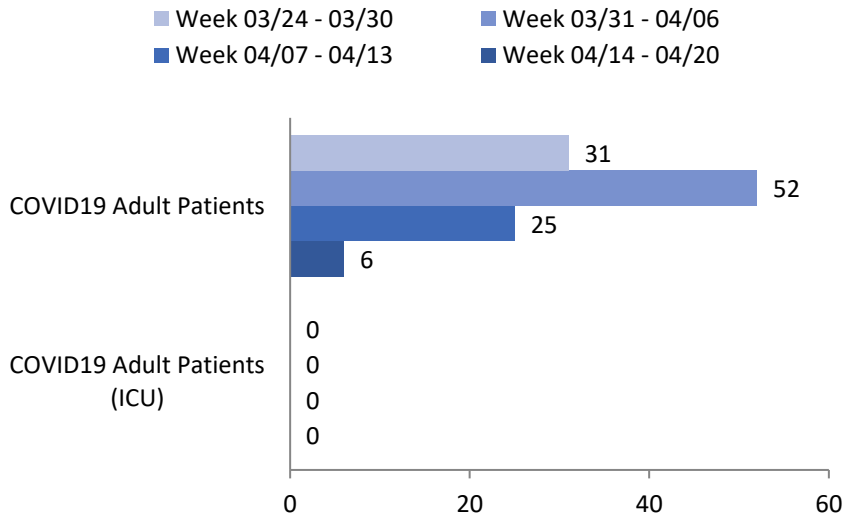
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### New Britain COVID-19 Report

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### COVID-19 Hospitalizations at THOCC in New Britain



During the week of 04/14/23 – 04/20/23, The Hospital of Central Connecticut (THOCC) in New Britain had a total of 6 adult COVID-19 patients hospitalized, and zero COVID-19 patients in the ICU.

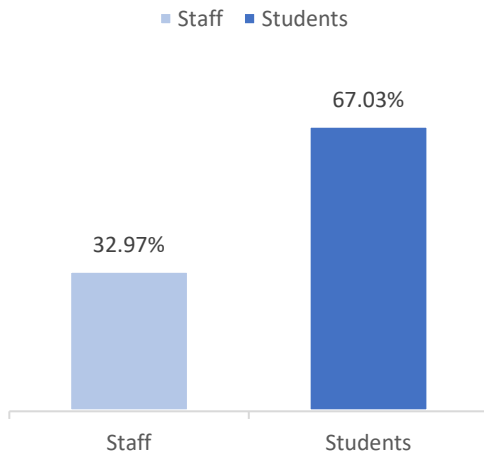
The Hospital for Special Care had zero COVID-19 adult patients hospitalized, and zero in the ICU.

No pediatric patients were hospitalized with COVID-19 in both hospitals.

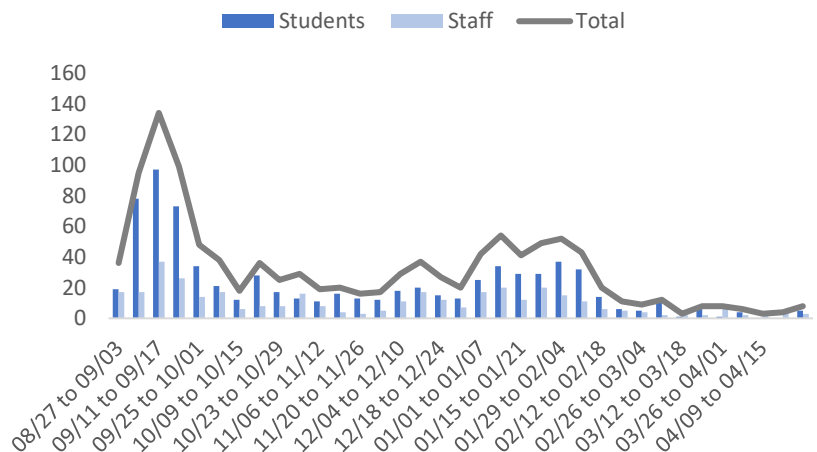
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As of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, New Britain School District reported 1116 possible and confirmed COVID-19 cases since August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Among them, 368 (32.97%) are staff members and 748 (67.03%) are students.

#### COVID-19 Cases in New Britain School District 2022-2023



#### COVID-19 Cases in New Britain School District by Week



SOURCE: NBCSD



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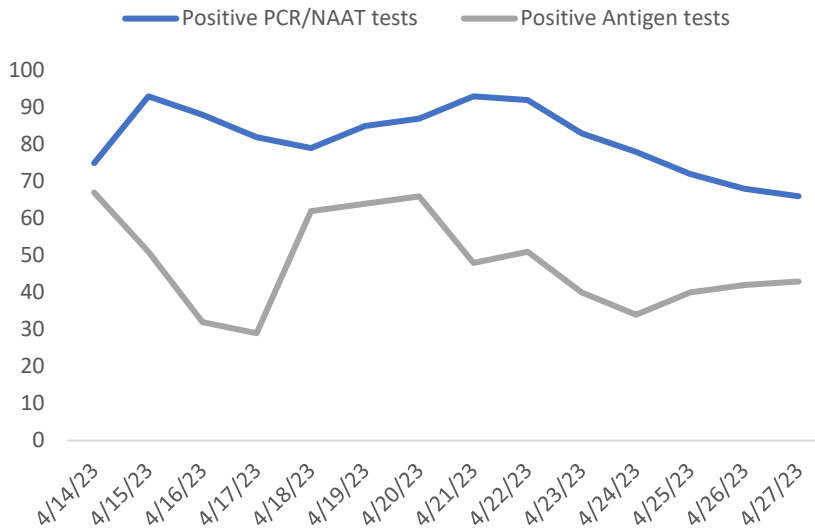
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### New Britain COVID-19 Report April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### Hartford County Positive COVID-19 in the Past 7 Days



As of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in Hartford County, there were 75 cases reported, 66 positive PCR/NAAT tests and 43 positive antigen tests in the past 7 days. The percent positivity of PCR/NAAT tests in Hartford County is 3.46%.

SOURCE: CT DATA

According to [Connecticut Department of Public Health \(CT DPH\)](#), As of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the total of laboratory-confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported among Connecticut residents is 981,665; 300 have been reported in the past 7 days. Seventy-eight patients are currently hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19; of these, 26 (33.33%) are not fully vaccinated. The percent positivity in Connecticut is 2.86%.

OVERALL SUMMARY	CUMULATIVE	PAST 7 DAYS
<b>POSITIVE PCR/NAAT TESTS</b>	1,068,186	319
<b>ALL PCR/NAAT TESTS</b>	16,473,829	11,141
<b>TEST POSITIVITY (POS/ALL PCR/NAAT)</b>	-	2.86%
<b>PATIENTS HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19</b>	78	-11
<b>COVID-19 ASSOCIATED DEATHS</b>	12,326	+24
<b>NUMBER AND PERCENT OF PATIENTS HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19 THAT ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED</b>	-	26 – 33.33%

SOURCE: CT DATA



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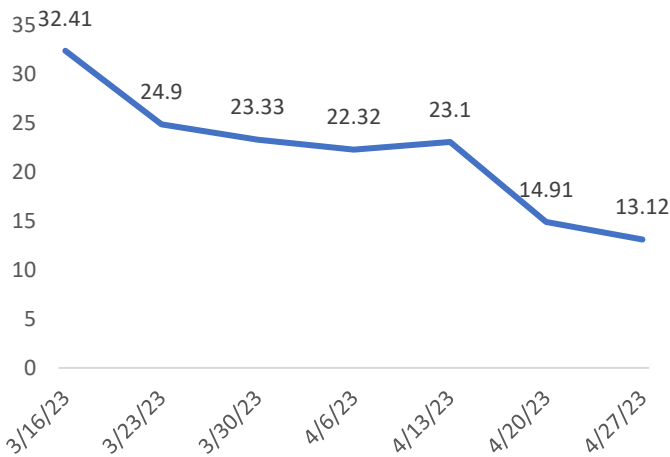
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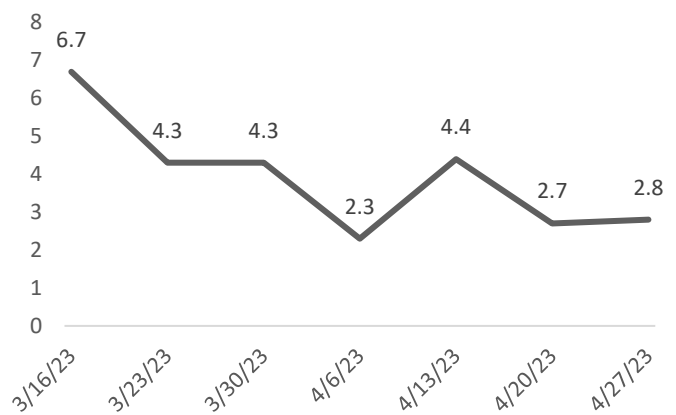
As of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, CT [Community Level](#) of Hartford County is **Low**.

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines.
- Maintain [ventilation improvements](#).
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms.
- Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19.
- Follow recommendations for [isolation](#) if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19
- You may choose to wear a mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others.
- If you are [at high risk for severe illness](#), talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention actions.

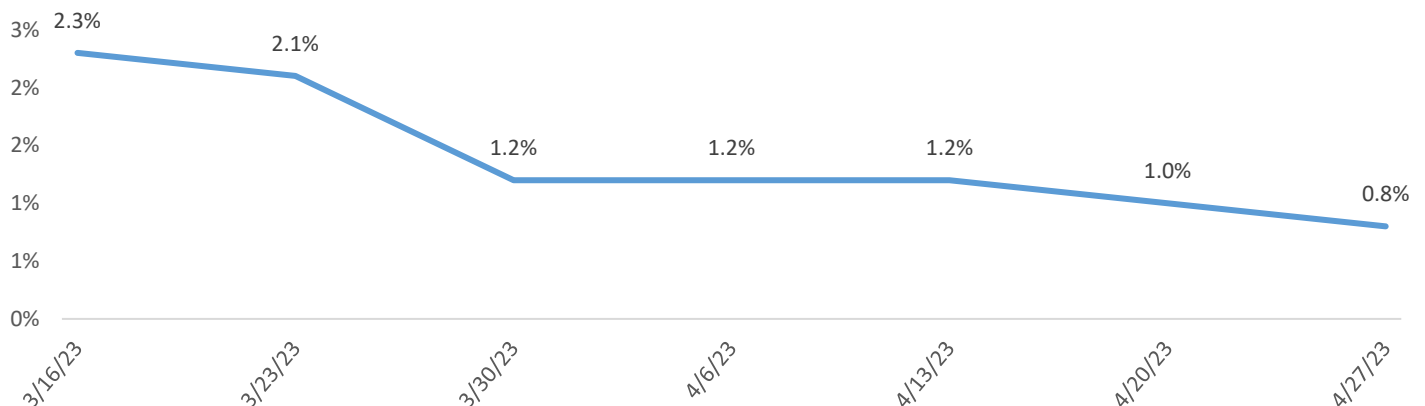
#### Cases per 100k in Hartford County



#### Hospital admissions per 100k in Hartford County



#### Inpatient bed utilization in Hartford County



SOURCE: CT DATA



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### Important COVID-19 Resources for New Britain residents

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### **1) Get free at-home COVID-19 tests this winter**

Every U.S. household is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests.

Order at: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>

Need help placing an order for your at-home tests?

Call: 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

**2) Before You Throw Out "Expired" Tests:** Check to see if your COVID-19 tests' expiration dates have been extended at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests#list> or call the Health Department at (860) 612-2771.

#### **3) Free COVID-19 Testing Sites**

Access **cost free** COVID testing at the state-sponsored testing sites.

##### **Hartford**

Location: Charter Oak Health Center, Inc., 21 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Regular Hours:

Sunday, 8:30am - 2:30pm

Monday - Thursday, 8am - 9pm

Friday & Saturday, 8am - 12am

##### **New Haven**

Location: Fair Haven Community Health Clinic, 374 Grand Ave., New Haven, CT 06513

Regular Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8am - 9am and 1pm - 2pm

##### **Bridgeport**

Location: Southwest Community Health Center, Inc, 1020 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605

Regular Hours:

Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 11:30am

##### **Greenwich**

Location: Family Centers Health Care, 111 Wilbur Peck Court, Greenwich, CT 06830

Pre-registration is available [here](#).

Schedule: Monday - Thursday, 2pm - 3pm

Source: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/State-Supported-COVID-Testing-Sites>



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### **4) For additional COVID-19 testing options, please see below:**

Low or no-cost testing is available at select pharmacies and local health centers:

- a) The Hospital of Central Connecticut (THOCC): offering COVID-19 Testing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9AM to 4PM. Appointments are recommended, residents can call (860) 972-8100 / (833) 621-0600 or [schedule online on this link](https://hartfordhealthcare.org/health-wellness/coronavirus/testing). Source: <https://hartfordhealthcare.org/health-wellness/coronavirus/testing>
- b) AFC Urgent Care: COVID-19 Testing available daily. Call (860) 257-6899 or [click here to schedule an appointment](https://www.afcurgentcare.com/new-britain/appointment). Source: <https://www.afcurgentcare.com/new-britain/appointment>
- c) CVS Health: <https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing>
- d) Local independent pharmacies: <https://doineedacovid19test.com/>
- e) Rite Aid: <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing>
- f) Walgreens: <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing>
- g) Walmart in partnership with Quest Diagnostics: <https://patient.questdiagnostics.com/no-cost-covid-test>
- h) Find a health center near you: <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>

For local testing information, visit the [Connecticut health department's website](https://www.ct.gov/health) or [Community-Based Testing Sites for COVID-19 | HHS.gov](https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html)

Source: <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html>

### **5) COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic**

#### **a) At the New Britain Health Department**

Every Friday\* from 9AM to 3PM get a free COVID-19 Bivalent Booster at the NBHD.

For ages 18 years and older.

Call to schedule an appointment: (860) 826-3464

Address: 88 Prospect Street, New Britain, CT 06051

\*While supplies last

#### **b) DPH Yellow Van**

The Connecticut Department of Public Health is organizing a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic with the Yellow Van in New Britain:



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**Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**, for all ages, at:  
- New Britain Public Library (Indoor):  
Address: 20 High Street  
Hours: 9:00AM until 12:00PM

**Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**, for all ages, at:  
- YWCA Franklin Square (Indoor):  
Address: 19 Franklin Square  
Hours: 9:00AM until 12:00PM

No appointment is needed, wait times are variable, vaccines are free to all eligible individuals (6 months and older), and no insurance or identification are required. Bring your COVID-19 vaccine card for boosters.

Source: [https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/DPH-van-clinics?language=en\\_US](https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/DPH-van-clinics?language=en_US)

### **c) Community Health Center of New Britain**

85 Lafayette Street - New Britain, CT 06051  
To make an appointment, call 860-224-3642  
Website: <https://www.chc1.com/>

Find a COVID-19 Vaccine near you at <https://www.vaccines.gov/>

### **6) Call 2-1-1 – United Way of Connecticut**

2-1-1 is a free, confidential information and referral service that connects people to essential health and human services 24 hours a day, seven days a week online and over the phone. For more information on COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or access the CT Virtual Assistant. They are available 24 hours, 7 days a week. In other languages as well.

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, contact your healthcare provider.

Source: <https://www.211ct.org/>

### **7) Test to Treat Locations**

DPH has partnered with four federal qualified health centers that offer no-cost COVID-19 testing and treatment including:

- [Charter Oak Health Center Inc, 21 Grand St, Hartford](#)
- [Fair Haven Community Health Clinic, 374 Grand Ave, New Haven](#)





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- [Family Centers Health Care, 111 Wilbur Peck Court, Greenwich](#)
- [Southwest Community Health Center, 1020 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport](#)

In addition to the FQHCs, the nationwide [Test to Treat](#) initiative provides testing for COVID-19 and treatments from a health care provider, all in one location. Connecticut currently has more than 40 Test to Treat sites, which are located at select pharmacies and urgent care centers throughout the state.

### **8) Did you incur funeral expenses due to a death caused by COVID19?**

You may qualify for up to \$9,000 in financial assistance through FEMA’s COVID-19 Funeral Assistance program. Call FEMA’s COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline at 844-684-6333 to apply.

The end of the Public Health Emergency and National Emergency declarations for COVID-19 on May 11, 2023, will not affect the application period for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance or the eligibility period for COVID-19-related funeral expenses. FEMA will release more information when a deadline for the end date is established.

For more information: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>



### **9) COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Ending: What Will Change?**

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the White House announced that on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, will be the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE).

#### **What will not be affected:**

- **Access to COVID-19 vaccinations and certain treatments, such as Paxlovid and Lagevrio, will generally not be affected.** Out-of-pocket expenses for certain treatments may change, depending on an individual’s health care coverage, similar to costs that one may experience for other drugs through traditional coverage. Medicaid programs will continue to cover COVID-19 treatments without cost sharing through September 30, 2024. After that, coverage and cost sharing may vary by state.





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- **FDA's Emergency Use Authorizations for COVID-19 products (including tests, vaccines, and treatments).** The ending of the COVID-19 PHE will not affect the FDA's ability to authorize various products, including tests, treatments, or vaccines for emergency use. Existing EUAs for COVID-19 products will remain in effect under Section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and the agency may continue to issue new EUAs going forward when criteria for issuance are met.
- **Major Medicare telehealth flexibilities.** The vast majority of current Medicare telehealth flexibilities will remain in place through December 2024 due to the bipartisan Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 passed by Congress in December 2022.
- **Medicaid telehealth flexibilities.** State requirements for approved state plan amendments vary. This flexibility was available prior to the COVID-19 PHE and will continue to be available after the COVID-19 PHE ends.
- **The process for states to begin eligibility redeterminations for Medicaid.** As part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 Congress agreed to end this condition on March 31, 2023, independent of the duration of the COVID-19 PHE.
- **Access to buprenorphine for opioid use disorder treatment in Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs).** Early in the COVID-19 pandemic, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released guidance allowing patients to start buprenorphine in an OTP by telehealth without the required in-person physical examination first. This flexibility has proven to be safe and effective in engaging people in care such that SAMHSA proposed to make this flexibility permanent as part of changes to OTP regulations in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that it released in December 2022.
- **Access to expanded methadone take-home doses for opioid use disorder treatment.** Early in 2020, SAMHSA allowed an increased number of take-home doses to patients taking methadone in an OTP. Research and feedback from patients, OTPs, and states have demonstrated that this flexibility has allowed people with opioid use disorder to stay in treatment longer, supported recovery, and has not resulted in increases in methadone-related overdoses. SAMHSA announced it will extend this flexibility for one year from the end of the COVID-19 PHE, which will be May 11, 2024, to allow time for the agency to make these flexibilities permanent as part of the proposed OTP regulations published in December 2022.

### What will be affected:

- **Certain Medicare and Medicaid waivers and broad flexibilities for health care providers are no longer necessary.** During the COVID-19 PHE, CMS has used a combination of emergency authority waivers, regulations, and sub-regulatory guidance to ensure and expand access to care and to give health care providers the flexibilities needed to help keep people safe. States, hospitals, nursing homes, and others are currently operating under hundreds of these waivers that affect care delivery and payment and

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that are integrated into patient care and provider systems. Many of these waivers and flexibilities were necessary to expand facility capacity for the health care system and to allow the health care system to weather the heightened strain created by COVID-19; given the current state of COVID-19, this excess capacity is no longer necessary.

- **Coverage for COVID-19 testing for Americans.** Medicare beneficiaries who are enrolled in Part B will continue to have coverage without cost sharing for laboratory-conducted COVID-19 tests when ordered by a provider, but their current access to free over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 tests will end, consistent with the statute on Medicare payment for OTC tests set by Congress.
- **Reporting of COVID-19 laboratory results and immunization data to CDC.** CDC COVID-19 data surveillance has been a cornerstone of our response. At the end of the COVID-19 PHE, HHS will no longer have this express authority to require this data from labs, which may affect the reporting of negative test results and impact the ability to calculate percent positivity for COVID-19 tests in some jurisdictions. CDC has been working to sign voluntary Data Use Agreements (DUAs), encouraging states and jurisdictions to continue sharing vaccine administration data beyond the PHE. Additionally, hospital data reporting will continue as required by the CMS conditions of participation through April 30, 2024, but reporting may be reduced from the current daily reporting to a lesser frequency.
- **Certain FDA COVID-19-related guidance documents for industry that affect clinical practice and supply chains will end or be temporarily extended.** FDA published several dozen guidance documents to address challenges presented by the COVID-19 PHE, including limitations in clinical practice or potential disruptions in the supply chain. FDA is in the process of addressing which policies are no longer needed and which should be continued, with any appropriate changes, and the agency will announce plans for each guidance prior to the end of the PHE.
- **FDA's ability to detect early shortages of critical devices related to COVID-19 will be more limited.** During the PHE, manufacturers of certain devices related to the diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19 have been required to notify the FDA "of a permanent discontinuance in the manufacture of the device" or "an interruption in the manufacture of the device that is likely to lead to a meaningful disruption in the supply of that device in the United States." This requirement will end when the PHE ends. While FDA will still maintain its authority to detect and address other potential medical product shortages, it is seeking congressional authorization to extend the requirement for device manufacturers to notify FDA of significant interruptions and discontinuances of critical devices outside of a PHE which will strengthen the ability of FDA to help prevent or mitigate device shortages.
- **Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act liability protections for may be impacted.** Currently, the amended PREP Act declaration provides liability immunity to manufacturers, distributors, public and private organizations conducting countermeasure programs, and providers for COVID-19 countermeasure activities related to a USG agreement (e.g., manufacturing, distribution, or administration of the countermeasures subject to a federal contract, provider agreement, or



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memorandum of understanding). That coverage will not be affected by the end of the PHE. However, PREP Act liability protections for countermeasure activities that are not related to any USG agreement (e.g., products entirely in the commercial sector or solely a state or local activity) will end unless another federal, state, or local emergency declaration is in place for area where countermeasures are administered. HHS is currently reviewing whether to continue to provide this coverage going forward.

- **The ability of health care providers to safely dispense controlled substances via telemedicine without an in-person interaction is affected; however, there will be rulemaking that will propose to extend these flexibilities.** During the PHE, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and HHS adopted policies to allow DEA-registered practitioners to prescribe controlled substances to patients without an in-person interaction. These policies allowed for audio-only modalities to initiate buprenorphine prescribing. DEA is planning to initiate rulemaking that would extend these flexibilities under certain circumstances without any gap in care and will provide additional guidance to practitioners soon.

For more information access: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/02/09/fact-sheet-covid-19-public-health-emergency-transition-roadmap.html>



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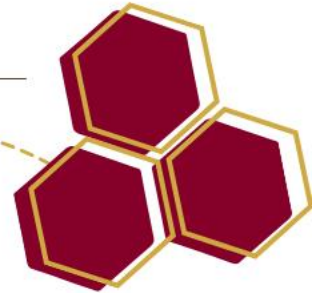


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ANNOUNCES**



## **THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT NURSING DIVISION IS MOVING**

New address:  
**61 Pearl Street, New Britain, CT 06052  
(Addition to the New Britain Senior Center)**

The Health Department will be closed from:  
May 8th until May 12th

Services will return on **Monday, May 15th**

Hours: Monday to Friday  
8:15AM to 4:00PM

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