



# Update From the Waterbury Health Director

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## COVID-19 Data Collection Methods

The City of Waterbury is utilizing multiple methods to do surveillance on the number of COVID-19 cases in our city. First, we will be offering free nasal swab screening tests to students with parental permission in our schools. This will provide data on infections in the schools as well as allow us to quickly isolate sick kids to prevent school and community-wide outbreaks while allowing healthy children to stay in school. Additionally, we will also be sampling wastewater and analyzing its viral load in order to track the trends in infection; the higher the viral load in the sample, the higher the number of infections in our city. Finally, the City of Waterbury has partnered with Transformative Healthcare and Quest Diagnostics to offer COVID-19 testing at the Brass Mill Center near the old Sears store. This site offers testing seven days a week from 8:00am to 4:30 pm, no appointment or documentation needed. Please stay tuned to our social media pages (Facebook and Instagram, @waterburyhealthdepartment) for more information.

## Back to School Vaccinations for Local Students

Many children fell behind on their routine childhood immunizations over the past year due to COVID's disruption of regular primary care. In an effort to help primary care providers get children caught up, Waterbury Health Department has been offering back-to-school immunizations and referral to a medical home during these appointments. Our nurses provide routine child immunizations for children age 0-18 who reside in the City of Waterbury, and COVID-19 vaccinations for students aged 12 & up. Vaccines are FREE and no insurance is needed.

If you cannot fit a pediatric patient into your schedule, please refer the patient to us. Additionally, if you identify a pediatric patient or a family group in need of home-based vaccination, please refer them to us.

## COVID-19 Vaccinations for Your Patients

**The Waterbury Health Department is here to help you to care for your patients.** We provide the following FREE walk-in vaccination services:

### City of Waterbury Walk-Up Vaccination Clinic

910 Wolcott Street next to Walmart

#### ◆ J&J, Pfizer & Moderna Vaccines

- ◆ Monday 12-8, Tuesday 2-8, Wednesday 12-6, Thursday 2-8, Friday 2-8, Saturday 9 am-3 pm, Sunday 8 am-12 pm.
- ◆ No appointment needed, walk-ins welcome, no insurance needed.

### Waterbury Health Department,

One Jefferson Square, 2nd Floor Clinic

#### ◆ Moderna Vaccine

- ◆ Monday-Friday 8:30 am—4:30 pm.
- ◆ No appointment needed, walk-ins welcome, no insurance needed.

**Home-Based Vaccinations** available by calling the **Waterbury Health Department** at 203-573-6679, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, no insurance needed.

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Children's Immunization  
Clinic: 203-574-6780

Home-Based COVID  
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