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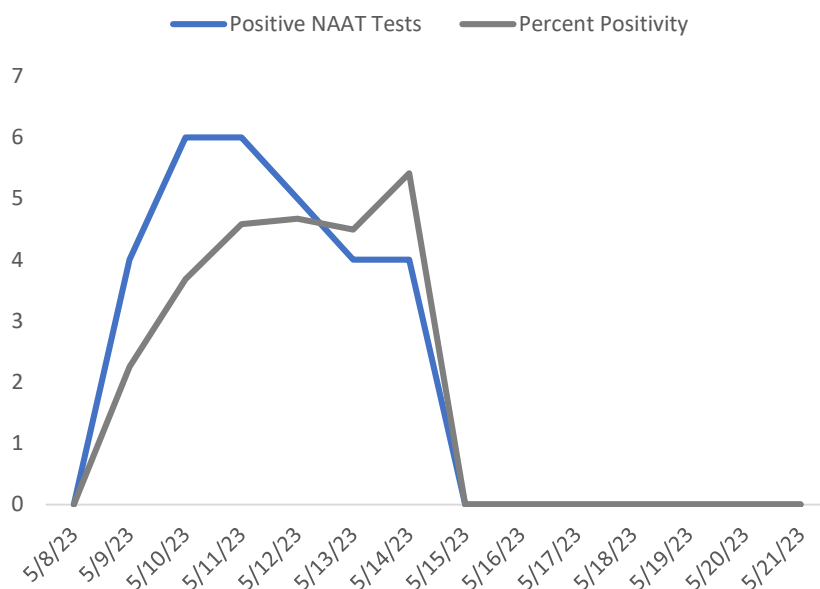
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### New Britain COVID-19 Report

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

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

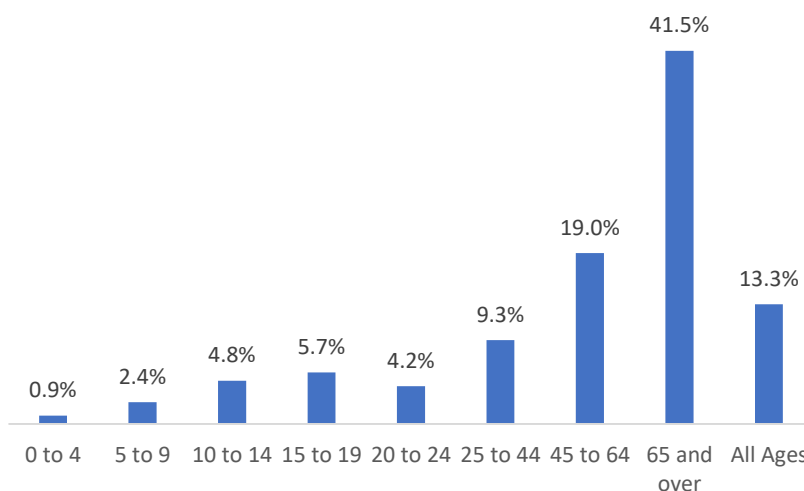


SOURCE: CT DATA

As of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 13.3% of New Britain residents (all ages) have received a COVID-19 bivalent booster.

The age group with the highest percent of individuals with a bivalent dose is 65 and older (41.5%), followed by 45-64 (19%), 25-44 (9.3%), 15-19 (5.7%), 10-14 (4.8%), 20-24 (4.2%), 5-9 (2.4%) and 0-4 (0.9%).

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



SOURCE: CT DATA



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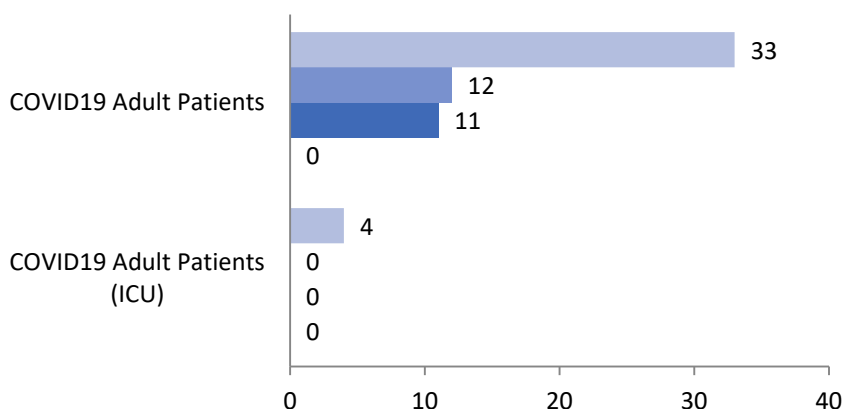
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May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

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

■ Week 04/14 - 04/20 ■ Week 04/21 - 04/27  
■ Week 04/28 - 05/04 ■ Week 05/05 - 05/11



SOURCE: CT DATA

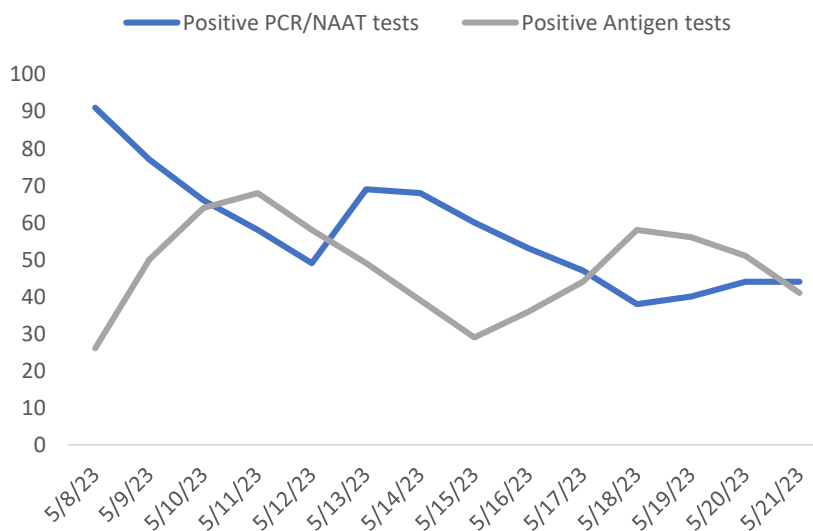
During the week of 05/05/23 – 05/11/23, The Hospital of Central Connecticut (THOCC) in New Britain had a total of zero adult COVID-19 patients hospitalized, and zero COVID-19 patients in the ICU.

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.

As of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, in Hartford County, there were 54 cases reported, 44 positive PCR/NAAT tests and 41 positive antigen tests in the past 7 days.

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



SOURCE: CT DATA



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According to [Connecticut Department of Public Health](https://www.ct.gov/dph) (CT DPH), As of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the total of laboratory-confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported among Connecticut residents is 982,917; 258 have been reported in the past 7 days. Forty-six patients are currently hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19; of these, 14 (30.43%) are not fully vaccinated. The percent positivity in Connecticut is 6.74%.

OVERALL SUMMARY	CUMULATIVE	PAST 7 DAYS
<b>POSITIVE PCR/NAAT TESTS</b>	1,069,431	229
<b>ALL PCR/NAAT TESTS</b>	16,499,420	3,396
<b>TEST POSITIVITY (POS/ALL PCR/NAAT)</b>	-	6.74%
<b>PATIENTS HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19</b>	46	-2
<b>COVID-19 ASSOCIATED DEATHS</b>	12,347	+7
<b>NUMBER AND PERCENT OF PATIENTS HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19 THAT ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED</b>	-	14 – 30.34%

SOURCE: CT DATA

As of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, COVID Data Tracker is no longer reporting aggregate cases and deaths, COVID-19 Community Levels, COVID-19 Community Transmission Levels, or COVID-19 Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) data.

As of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, COVID Data Tracker will display hospital admissions, deaths, and emergency department visits data as primary surveillance metrics for COVID-19. After May 11<sup>th</sup>, the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System will become CDC's new source for testing data.

Aggregate case and death data are archived at [data.cdc.gov](https://data.cdc.gov) and will receive a final update and will be archived on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to reconcile historical data through May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Source: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home>



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

May 22<sup>nd</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) DPH Yellow Van**

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

**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**, for all ages, at:

- New Britain Public Library (Indoor):

Address: 20 High Street

Hours: 9:00AM until 12:00PM



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**Thursday, May 30<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)

### **b) 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](#)
- [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.



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### **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 Ended: What does the end of the PHE mean for you?**

Most tools, like vaccines, treatments, and testing, will remain available. But, some tools, like certain data sources and reporting, will change.

- **Vaccines will remain available**

Access to COVID-19 vaccines will generally not be affected for now. The U.S. government is currently distributing free [COVID-19 vaccines](#) for all adults and children. To help keep communities safe from COVID-19, HHS remains committed to maximizing continued access to COVID-19 vaccines.

- **COVID-19 at-home tests may not be covered by insurance**

Insurance providers will no longer be required to waive costs or provide free COVID-19 tests. CDC's [No Cost COVID-19 Testing Locator](#) can help people find current community and pharmacy partners participating in the [Increasing Community Access to Testing \(ICATT\) program](#).

- **Treatments will remain available.**





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Medication to prevent severe COVID-19, [such as Paxlovid](#), will remain available for free while supplies last. After that, the price will be determined by the medication manufacturer and your health insurance coverage. Check with your healthcare provider if you need [early treatment to prevent severe COVID-19](#).

- **National reporting of COVID-19 may change.**

We have the right data for this phase of COVID-19 that will allow us to understand what's happening with the virus in America in real-time. Simply put, while what we have going forward will be different, it will still allow CDC, local public health officials, and the members of the public to understand COVID-19 dynamics at the community level.

### **CDC's Data and Surveillance**

Monitoring the impact of COVID-19 and the effectiveness of prevention and control strategies remains a public health priority. With the COVID-19 PHE declaration ending, some metrics will remain the same, but some will change in frequency, source, or availability. This is in part because CDC's authority to collect and receive certain types of data will change. CDC will continue to provide sustainable, high-impact, and timely information to inform decision-making.

### **The following metrics remain available:**

- **COVID-19 hospital admissions.**

All hospitals are required to report data through the end of April 2024. This provides a consistent and comprehensive way for weekly tracking of severe COVID-19 at the county level. These data will shift from daily to weekly reporting shortly after May 11.

- **COVID-19 deaths will remain, but the source of data has changed.**

The National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) is the most accurate and complete source of death data, and timeliness of death certificate reporting has improved over the course of the pandemic. A new metric, the percent of deaths that are COVID-19-associated, and other metrics from NVSS will be reported weekly.

- **Emergency department patient visits with diagnosed COVID-19 will continue to be posted on a weekly basis.**

These data cover about three-quarters of the nation's emergency departments and provide information about COVID-19 trends in most states. This is one of the fastest ways to spot changing trends in COVID-19 transmission.

- **COVID-19 test positivity will remain, but the source of data has changed.**

After May 25, CDC will report regional-level test positivity data from the [National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System \(NREVSS\)](#), a longstanding system with over 450 labs from across the country that voluntarily submit data. These data can provide early indications of COVID-19 transmission.





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- **Wastewater surveillance and genomic surveillance will remain in place.**

This will allow the CDC to track transmission and how the virus is mutating.

- **Count of COVID-19 vaccines administered will remain for jurisdictions who continue to submit data, but frequency will change.**

These data will be updated monthly, instead of weekly.

**The following data have been added:**

- **Percentage of COVID-19 associated deaths each week.**

Tracking the percentage of deaths caused by COVID-19 provides a timely look at whether the proportion of COVID-19 deaths are increasing or decreasing. This is modeled after a longstanding indicator for flu surveillance.

**The following data have been removed:**

- **COVID-19 case and death data are no longer highlighted on COVID Data Tracker.**

Throughout the pandemic, case and death counts were reported weekly to the CDC by states. Case data has become increasingly unreliable as some states and jurisdictions may no longer collect case data, testing results are sometimes not reported, or some individuals skip testing all together. CDC continues to receive line-level data on COVID-19 cases through the National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System—a system that CDC uses to regularly collect case data for around 120 notifiable diseases. These data are available to the public for analysis at [data.cdc.gov](https://data.cdc.gov).

- **National, county-level test positivity data from COVID-19 Electronic Reporting (CELR) are no longer available.**

This is because after May 11<sup>th</sup> [laboratories are no longer required to report results](#).

- **The V-safe tracking system for health check-ins after vaccination health check-ins is ending.**

CDC will continue to monitor COVID-19 vaccines through its other established vaccine safety monitoring systems. V-safe users or others who get vaccinated can report any possible health problems or adverse events following vaccination to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#).

Last updated: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/end-of-phe.html>



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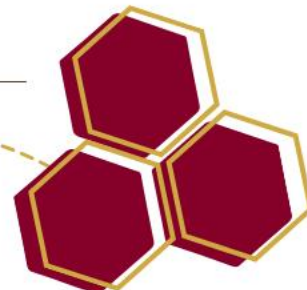


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ANNOUNCES**



## **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

Phone: (860) 826-3464  
Fax: (860) 826-2687

