

Fall 2020

Gloucester County Newsletter

Looking forward to the fall...

October 17, 2020

Household Special Waste Collection

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

GC Road Department
1200 N. Delsea Drive
Clayton, 08312



October 25, 2020

Jonas Cattel Run

8 a.m.

Red Bank Battlefield
100 Hessian Ave
National Park, 08063



November 11, 2020

Veterans Day Ceremony

10 a.m.

Rowan College of South
Jersey
1400 Tanyard Rd.
Sewell, 08080



My fellow neighbors and friends

As you know, we've experienced an unprecedented way of life due to COVID-19 that has sent tremendous shockwaves throughout the world. Like the rest of the world, we are finding new ways to be in community, to be together and to uphold one another.

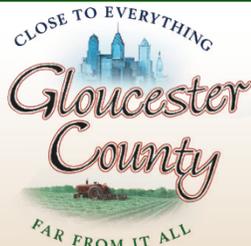
I want to take a moment to thank our residents who have been on the front lines of this battle. While all Americans were asked to stay home, our local doctors, nurses, hospital employees, law enforcement, public health professionals, emergency response services and all essential service workers have displayed the bravery and commitment in the fight to keep our community safe. I think I speak for the entire County when I say thank you. You are our real-life superheroes.

Through all of the changes and uncertainty, I have seen our Gloucester County community rise up and be incredibly courageous in the face of everything that has been thrown at us. I can assure you; we will get through this time together and when we do, the sun will shine a bit brighter, our families will be a little closer and our community will be a lot stronger.

**Respectfully,
Robert M. Damming
Director**



Thank you to our community & our donors



Gloucester County's Office of Emergency Management has been in contact with all of our local healthcare and emergency response providers to supply them with the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) they need to keep our community safe and fight COVID-19 on the front lines.

We have completed over 500 resources requests to local hospitals, emergency responders and long term care facilities. We have received donations from:

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| ExxonMobil | Delaware River & Bay Authority | Kobo Products Inc | Atlas Flasher | State Adjustment |
| Brett Prichett | Wedgewood Pharmacy | Pleasant Valley School | Debbie Rivers | GC Medical Examiner's Office |
| Dr. James Van Horn | Michael Bronstien DMD | Rowan University | IDA Banks | Jefferson Hospital |
| Mrs. Doyle | Betty Gallagher | Friends of Israel Deptford | Paulsboro Schools | Richards Family |
| Lamatek | Advanced Welding Services Inc | Inspira | Brad Pak | National Oak Distributors |
| Terminex | GCIT | Clayton High School | Monroe Twp. School District | Ella's Creations |
| Skyler Pittman | Team Dental Swedesboro | Americhem | Costco | Sam's Club |
| Rutgers University | Integral Consulting Inc. | RCGC | Shermans Williams WT | Rabbi Avi Richler |

2020 Flu Schedule

October

Monday - October 19

11 AM to 1 PM

Drive-Thru

GC Fleet Management
(Public Works Bays)

45 Lenape Avenue
Mantua, NJ 08051

Thursday - October 22

5 PM to 7 PM

Drive-Thru

GC Fleet Management
(Public Works Bays)

141 Glen Echo Avenue
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

Saturday - October 24

10 AM to NOON

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Monday - October 26

5 PM to 7 PM

Drive-Thru

Clayton County Complex
1200 North Delsea Drive
Clayton, NJ 08312

Wednesday - October 28

NOON to 2 PM

Drive-Thru

GC Fleet Management
(Public Works Bays)

141 Glen Echo Avenue
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

Thursday - October 29

5 PM to 7 PM

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

November

Thursday - November 5

9 AM to 11 AM

Daycare/Preschool/Family Clinic

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Monday - November 9

4 PM to 6 PM

Daycare/Preschool/Family Clinic

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Tuesday - November 10

4:30 PM to 6 PM

Drive-Thru

Clayton County Complex
1200 North Delsea Drive
Clayton, NJ 08312

Thursday - November 12

11 AM to 1 PM

Drive-Thru

GC Fleet Management
(Public Works Bays)

45 Lenape Avenue
Mantua, NJ 08051

Monday - November 16

4:30 PM to 6 PM

Drive-Thru

GC Fleet Management
(Public Works Bays)

45 Lenape Avenue
Mantua, NJ 08051

Wednesday - November 18

9 AM to 11 AM

Drive-Thru

GC Fleet Management
(Public Works Bays)

141 Glen Echo Avenue
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

Monday - November 23

4 PM to 6 PM

Daycare/Preschool/Family Clinic

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

December

Thursday - December 3

1 PM to 3 PM

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Monday - December 7

2 PM to 4 PM

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Thursday - December 10

2 PM to 4 PM

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Monday - December 14

1 PM to 3 PM

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Thursday - December 17

2 PM to 4 PM

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Monday - December 21

2 PM to 4 PM

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Monday - December 28

2 PM to 4 PM

Daycare/Preschool/Family Clinic

GC Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080

Gloucester County's flu consent form must be filled out and brought with you to any flu shot clinic. Scan the QR code below to get started.

How to scan a QR code:

1. Open your smart phone and point the camera to the code below.
2. Tap the notification to open the website.



You can also find the form at
www.gloucestercountynj.gov

Flu Facts and Guidelines

Getting a flu vaccine this fall will be more important than ever, not only to reduce your risk from flu but also to help conserve potentially scarce healthcare resources. Vaccine viruses are chosen to maximize the likelihood that the influenza vaccine will protect against the viruses most likely to spread and cause illness among people during the upcoming flu season.

• This year we will be offering ONLY quadrivalent seasonal flu vaccine that contains:

- A/Guangdong-Maonan/SWL1536/2019 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus (updated)
- A/Hong Kong/2671/2019 (H3N2)-like virus (updated)
- B/Washington/02/2019 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus (updated)
- B/Phuket/3073/2013-like (Yamagata lineage) virus

• We do not carry every type of flu vaccine formulations such as: high dose, adjuvanted, nasal, intradermal, & egg free. If you need a specific formulation you can check availability at <https://vaccinefinder.org/find-vaccine>

• If a specific flu vaccine is not available in your area, don't delay! Vaccination with any available influenza vaccine is recommended and will still provide protection.

• If you would like more information about this year's flu vaccine please visit www.cdc.gov/flu.

The following guidelines are followed for the Gloucester County Influenza Immunization Program:

- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends the Flu Vaccine for all persons aged 6 months and over.
- Available to **County residents only**, proof of residency is required.

Drive-Thru clinics have been scheduled to accommodate those citizens that have difficulty walking or standing in lines as well as a measure to promote social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **PLEASE** wear a face mask
- **PLEASE** have paperwork completed prior to your arrival whenever possible - available from our website www.gloucestercountynj.gov.
- **PLEASE** remember to place your car in park when you arrive at the nurse.
- **PLEASE DO NOT** bring your dog along to a drive thru clinic.
- **PLEASE DO NOT** attend a drive thru clinic if you have never received a flu shot before; **PLEASE** attend one of the clinics scheduled at the Health Department even if it is a daycare/preschool/family clinic.

Children and the Flu Vaccine:

- Please note we have scheduled special preschool/daycare/family clinics to allow the entire family to be vaccinated at one time.
- It is **NOT** recommended to bring children to the drive thru clinics; if they cannot sit still for their shot we will not vaccinate them in the drive thru.
- Children under the age of 9 yrs receiving flu immunization for the first time need two shots. The second shot should be given one month after the first shot.
- Preschool children attending a licensed day care facility must have received their flu immunization before December 31, 2020 to be eligible to attend daycare in 2021.
- Please **DO NOT** send your child with a family member who is not their legal guardian. Children ages 6 months to 17 years must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and the consent must be signed by the parent.

Helpful tips for the clinics

- Please wear a face mask and maintain social distance.
- Please have your ID (driver's license) ready upon entering a clinic.
- Wear clothes which will permit you to easily expose your dominant (shot) arm.
- If you need proof that you received the flu vaccine please ask your nurse prior to administration
- Keep your belongings with you at all times.
- Clinics will begin and end as scheduled.
- This year's clinic schedule is also on the County's website.

The Gloucester County Department of Health is located at 204 East Holly Avenue in Sewell.

Visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov for more information or contact us @ (856) 218 - 4101

Covering coughs and sneezes coupled with frequent and thorough hand washing combats many diseases, especially during flu season.

County Officials

Robert M. Damminger, Director	853-3395
Frank J. DiMarco, Deputy Director	853-3386
Lyman Barnes	853-3380
Daniel Christy	853-3383
Jim Jefferson	853-3384
Jim Lavender	853-3382
Heather Simmons	853-3378
Sheriff Carmel M. Morina	384-4600
Clerk James N. Hogan	853-3237
Surrogate Giuseppe Chila	853-3282

Updates from the Gloucester County Animal Shelter

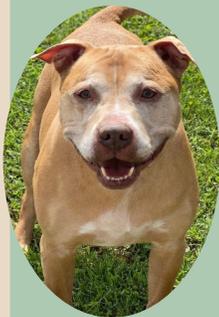
Until further notice, dogs and cats five years old and younger will have their adoption fees reduced to \$35 while dogs and cats six years and older will have their adoption fees waived.

Residents interested in adoption can fill out an application online at

www.gloucestercountynj.gov or call (856) 881-2828.

Gloucester County Animal Shelter has launched the Pet Food Pantry. The pantry will be used for Gloucester County residents who are unable to feed their pets due to financial strain during the COVID-19 pandemic.

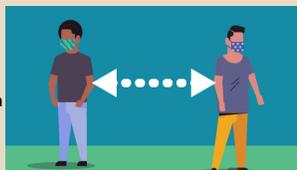
For more from the Gloucester County Animal Shelter, visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov.



Do Your Part to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

Everyone should wash their hands often, avoid close contact with people, stay home even if you are healthy, wear a mask or cloth face cover when around others, cover coughs and sneezes and clean and disinfect high touch areas.

Please **Answer the Call**, if a Contact Tracer reaches out to you!



Visit us on the web at www.gloucestercountynj.gov or follow us on Facebook & Instagram @GloucesterCountyNJ

Don't get bent out of shape.
There's still time to enroll!

RCSJ October Flex Start Classes

Oct. 5 — 10- and 5-week sessions

Oct. 20 — 7-week session



Enroll at RCSJ and keep moving forward.

- No tuition increase
- All applications accepted
- Payment plans available online, with no money down or sign-up fee
- Fall entrance testing eliminated
- Assistance program for laptops and mobile hotspots
- Free tuition through the Community College Opportunity Grant for household incomes not to exceed \$65,000
- Advising, registration and financial aid online support
- Free online tutoring and wellness services



Success is only a click away.

Sign up for fall classes now.

1. Apply
2. Register
3. Start Learning

Visit

RCSJ.edu/FlexStart
to view course availability.

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