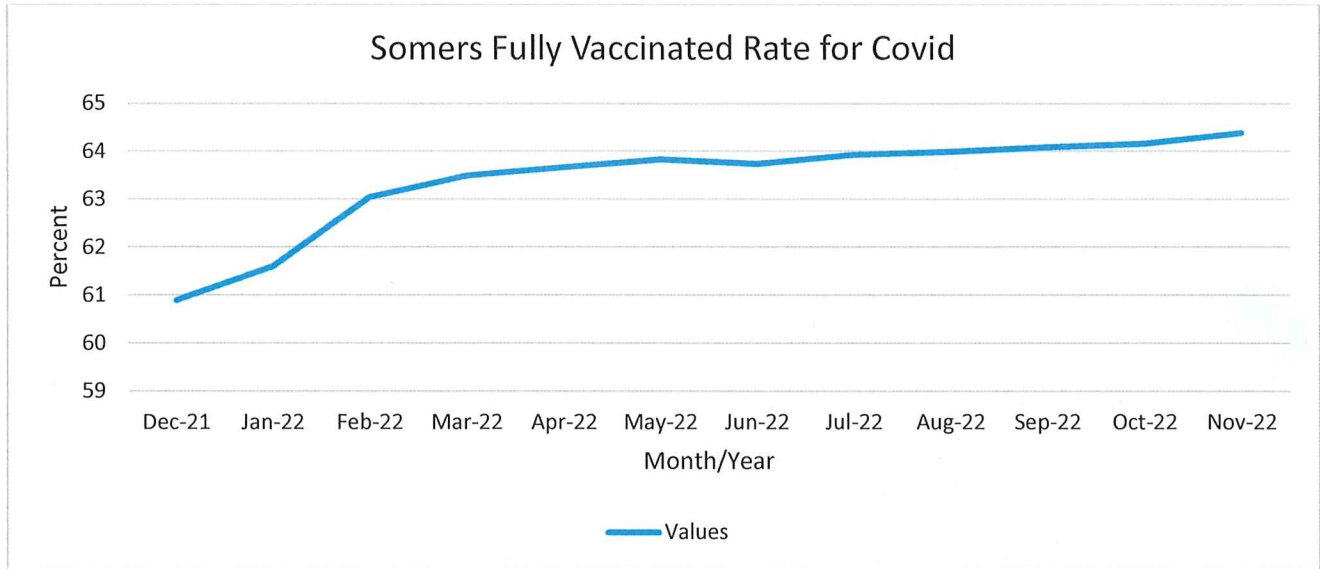




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EPAC Meeting

December 1, 2022



December	January	February	March	April	May	June *	July	August	September
60.90%	61.61%	63.05%	63.50%	63.67%	63.83%	63.74%	63.93%	63.99%	64.09%
October	Novem ber								
64.16%	64.39%								

The Somers fully vaccinated rate has increased 5.73% since December 2021.

Numbers of cases for the past seven days: 0

Positivity rate for the last seven days: n/a

*A person is considered fully vaccinated if he/she has completed a primary vaccination series by receiving 2 doses of the Pfizer, Moderna, or Novavax vaccines or 1 dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and recommended boosters. The definition changed in June to include boosters.

Booster Update; the FDA authorized bivalent formulations of the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines for use as a single booster dose at least two months after completing primary or booster vaccination.

- September 2, 2022, for people 12 years of age and older
- October 12, 2022, for people aged 5–11

Monkeypox Facts

143 cases to date in Connecticut

Somers cases to date- 1

Highest County with documented cases- Fairfield

Vaccination Eligibility

You are eligible to be vaccinated if you are a Connecticut resident aged 18 or older and meet one of the following:

- You had close personal contact in the past 14 days with a positive case of monkeypox (this may include sexual partners, household contacts, and healthcare workers); **OR**
 - You meet the following criteria:
 - Know that a sexual partner in the past 14 days was diagnosed with monkeypox **OR**
 - Had multiple sexual partners in the past 14 days in a jurisdiction (e.g., city/state/country) with known monkeypox.

If you are eligible to be vaccinated, you should especially consider getting vaccinated if:

- Your partners are showing symptoms of monkeypox, such as a rash or sores.
- You met recent partners through online applications or social media platforms (such as Grindr, Tinder or Scruff), or at clubs, raves, sex parties, saunas or other large gatherings.
- You have a condition that may increase your risk for severe disease if infected with monkeypox virus, such as HIV or another condition that weakens your immune system, or you have a history of atopic dermatitis or eczema.

The JYNNEOS vaccine requires two shots, 28 days apart for maximum effectiveness.

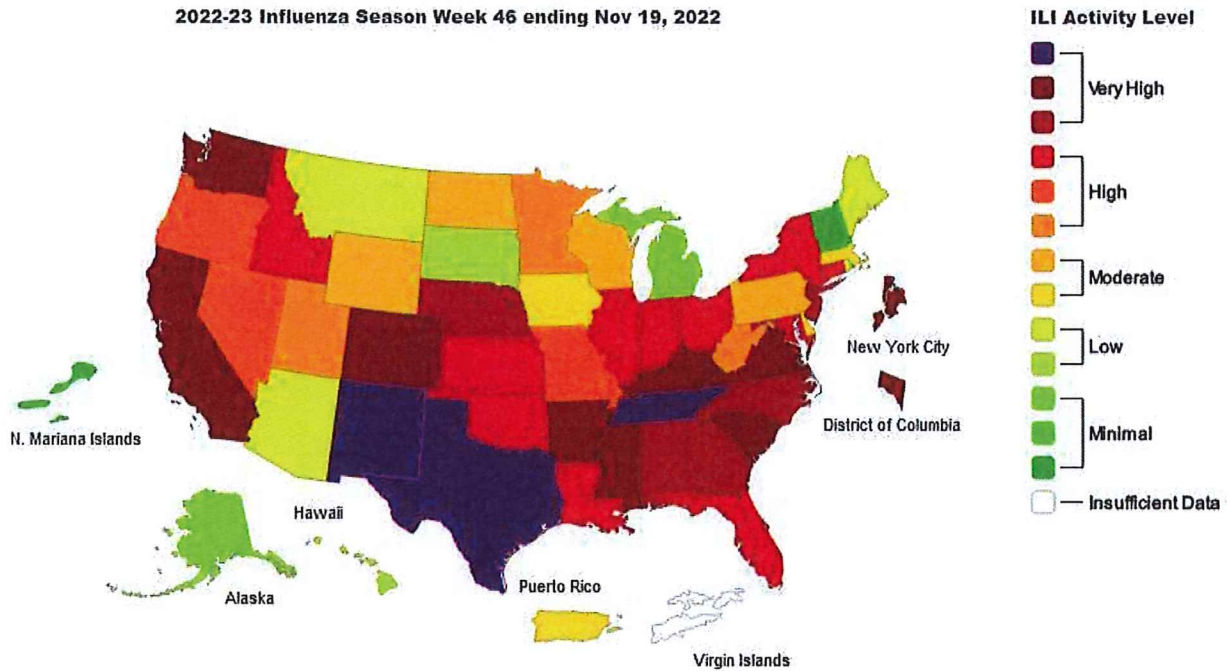
CDC recommends that the vaccine be given within 4 days from the date of exposure for the best chance to prevent onset of the disease.

Signs & Symptoms

Symptoms of monkeypox can include fever, headache, muscle aches and backache, swollen lymph nodes, chills, exhaustion and a rash. The rash can look like pimples or blisters that appear on the face, inside the mouth, and on other parts of the body, like the hands, feet, chest, genitals, or anus. The rash goes through different stages before healing completely. Sometimes, people get a rash first, followed by other symptoms. Others only experience a rash. The illness typically lasts two – four weeks.

Influenza

2022-23 Influenza Season Week 46 ending Nov 19, 2022



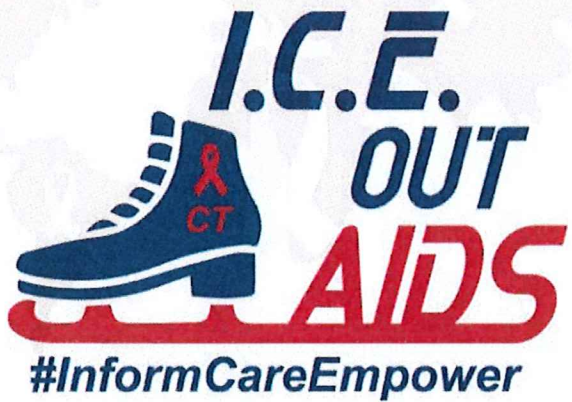
www.cdc.gov

All flu vaccines for the 2022-2023 season are quadrivalent vaccines, designed to protect against four different flu viruses, including two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses. Different vaccines are licensed for use in different age groups, and some vaccines are not recommended for some groups of people.

Influenza vaccine locations near Somers;

- CVS and Walgreens in Enfield, Longmeadow, and Stafford.
- Stop & Shop in Enfield.
- Urgent care in Enfield.

THE CT WORLD AIDS DAY COMMITTEE PRESENTS:



Dec. 1st
6pm

FREE 20MIN RAPID HIV & HEPATITIS C SCREENING



FREE GIVEAWAYS & REFRESHMENTS

Where: Winterfest 2022
Bushnell Park Pump House & Ice-Skating Rink
60 Jewel Street, Hartford, CT

