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Dear Vaccination Partner:

December 15 marks the one year anniversary of the administration of the first COVID-19 vaccinations in New Jersey, and we are calling on all of our vaccination partners to join us for Boost NJ Day to commemorate that exciting event.

Whether you are a local pharmacy, federally qualified health center, mega-site, local health department or hospital, your work in administering vaccines has been critical in vaccinating over 80% of our residents. Now, we are asking for your support in our efforts to further protect New Jerseyans by getting them boosted.

Today, we are still battling one variant -Delta - while another, Omicron, threatens our state. Since Thanksgiving, we have seen cases and hospitalizations continue to rise due to the holidays, increased travel and variants. Yet only 34% of New Jersey's over 4.5 million residents eligible for booster shots have received one. With an average of 35,000 booster doses administered in our state per day, we are not where we need to be in further protecting our residents.

We need to step up our efforts.

It is our hope that every site joins us to host a Boost NJ vaccination event on December 15. We encourage you to have walk-in availability and extended hours, as these are also important to help make booster doses as accessible and available as possible. We will be providing a Boost NJ logo that you can adapt and use in outreach for your event. A special list of where these clinics will be taking place will also be posted on [covid19.nj.gov/](https://covid19.nj.gov/).

To ensure that Boost NJ Day events support vaccination for anyone who is not yet vaccinated, we ask that Pfizer capable sites offer the Pfizer pediatric vaccine to serve those ages 5 to 11.

As the holiday season continues, please join us in this booster push and help make the holidays as safe as possible. Thank you for your continued hard work and partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Murphy".

Philip D. Murphy  
Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith M. Persichilli".

Judith M. Persichilli  
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