

Ocean Ride

FARE FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION TRIPS

***Offered to Seniors 60+ and/or
Persons with Disabilities ONLY***

FREE
TRANSPORTATION



The Ocean County Board of Commissioners have approved **FREE COVID-19** vaccination trips to all Vaccine Clinics within Ocean County, *for example: RWJ Barnabas Health Arena, CVS, Rite-Aid, Chemed & Ocean Health Initiatives*

Advance Reservation Required

Monday through Friday

Between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM

Call (732) 736-8989, Ext. 1 to reserve your ride.

***FACE MASKS REQUIRED FOR ALL RIDERS and
SOCIAL DISTANCE from others.***

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**OCEAN RIDE PROVIDING FARE FREE TRANSPORTATION TO
VACCINATION CLINICS**

OCEAN COUNTY seniors age 60 and older along with persons with disabilities are being provided fare free transportation to COVID 19 vaccination clinics by the County's public transportation system, Ocean Ride.

"Many of our seniors and individuals with disabilities are already familiar with Ocean Ride, using it to get to health care and other appointments," said the Director of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners Gary Quinn, who serves as liaison to the transportation system. "We want to make getting a vaccine as convenient as possible and if a lack of transportation is what stands between our seniors and the disabled from getting that important shot, we want to remedy that."

The free transportation is provided through the Ocean Ride reserve-a-ride system.

"Once you have made an appointment to get your vaccine, contact Ocean Ride and we can set up the door to door transportation for you," Quinn said. "Our drivers and the Ocean Ride staff are ready to help in this ongoing effort to reduce the spread of the coronavirus."

Seniors over 60 and residents with disabilities can call 732-736-8989, Ext. 1 to reserve their ride between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Vaccination clinics are expanding throughout the county with more and more national chain pharmacies, health care agencies and other organizations are now providing the shot.

"The Ocean County Health Department is also operating vaccination clinics at RWJ Barnabas Health Care Arena at Toms River High School North, Southern Regional Middle School, Stafford Township and Manchester Township Elementary School by appointment only, for Ocean County residents," Quinn said. "It doesn't matter which organization you make the appointment with in Ocean County, we will get you there."

Quinn noted that Ocean Ride follows all Center for Disease Control guidelines in operating its buses and reserve-a-ride system.

Face masks are required for all riders along with social distancing when applicable.

"Ocean Ride continues to help make a difference in the lives of our seniors and disabled residents by getting them to where they need to go," Quinn said. "This is a large county – more than 600 square miles - with limited public transportation opportunities. Getting our residents vaccinated will help enhance their quality of life. It's imperative they have the transportation to get there."