

**House of Delegates Report**  
**Fam Med Forum 2022**  
**Theresa Barrett, PhD**  
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*Communications Report*

*Perspectives: A View of Family Medicine in New Jersey* was published 3 times in 2021. The 3rd and 4th quarter editions were combined as a result of disruptions caused by COVID-19. *Your Academy in Action*, our bi-weekly newsletter kept members updated on the happenings and highlights that the Academy engaged in over the course of the year.

NJAFP continues to make its presence known in the state and continues to advocate for family medicine and primary care in New Jersey. The Academy, along with trustees and members were featured in over 30 news items over the past year.

**NJAFP Media Coverage**  
**2021**

1. As NJ Mask Mandate End Looms, Only 1 In 4 Young Kids Vaccinated (*Dr. Mike Cascarina quoted*)  
By Megan VerHelst/Patch.com  
February 17, 2022  
<https://patch.com/new-jersey/across-nj/nj-mask-mandate-end-looms-only-1-4-young-kids-vaccinated>
2. As NJ Mask Mandate End Looms, Only 1 In 4 Young Kids Vaccinated (*Dr. Mike Cascarina quoted*)  
By Megan VerHelst/Yahoo! News  
February 17, 2022  
<https://news.yahoo.com/nj-mask-mandate-end-looms-212543363.html>
3. Nearly 2 of 3 NJ kids have not received COVID vaccine as Murphy plans to drop masks in schools (*Dr. Michael Cascarina quoted*)  
By Scott Fallon/NorthJersey.com (also appeared in Courier-Post, Burlington County Times, The Daily Journal, Asbury Park Press, My Central Jersey, The Daily Record, NJ Herald)  
February 7, 2022  
<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/coronavirus/2022/02/07/covid-vaccine-nj-kids-not-received-shot/6646566001/>
4. NJ hospitals, insurers join state effort to curb rising health care costs (*Ray Saputelli quoted*)  
By Lindy Washburn  
December 21, 2021  
<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/health/2021/12/21/nj-health-care-costs-insurers-hospitals/8986653002/>
5. New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians Awarded 2021 Leadership in State Government Advocacy Award  
InsiderNJ.com  
December 5, 2021  
<https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/new-jersey-academy-family-physicians-awarded-2021-leadership-state-government-advocacy-award/>

6. NJAFP Awarded 2021 Leadership in State Government Advocacy Award  
Lawrenceville Patch  
December 2, 2021  
<https://patch.com/new-jersey/lawrenceville/njafp-awarded-2021-leadership-state-government-advocacy-award-nodx>
7. NJ plans large rollout of COVID vaccine for children, but will the demand be there? (*Claudine Leone quoted*)  
By Scott Fallon and Michael L. Diamond/NorthJersey.com  
October 28, 2021  
<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/10/28/new-jersey-plans-large-rollout-kids-covid-vaccine/8562876002/>
8. NJ plans large rollout of COVID vaccine for children, but will the demand be there? (*Claudine Leone quoted*)  
By Scott Fallon and Michael L. Diamond/Courier Post  
October 28, 2021  
<https://www.courierpostonline.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/10/28/new-jersey-plans-large-rollout-kids-covid-vaccine/8562876002/>
9. NJ plans large rollout of COVID vaccine for children, but will the demand be there? (*Claudine Leone quoted*)  
By Scott Fallon and Michael L. Diamond/Daily Journal  
October 28, 2021  
<https://www.thedailyjournal.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/10/28/new-jersey-plans-large-rollout-kids-covid-vaccine/8562876002/>
10. NJ plans large rollout of COVID vaccine for children, but will the demand be there? (*Claudine Leone quoted*)  
By Scott Fallon and Michael L. Diamond/MyCentralJersey.com  
October 28, 2021  
<https://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/10/28/new-jersey-plans-large-rollout-kids-covid-vaccine/8562876002/>
11. NJ plans large rollout of COVID vaccine for children, but will the demand be there? (*Claudine Leone quoted*)  
By Scott Fallon and Michael L. Diamond/Daily Record  
October 28, 2021  
<https://www.dailyrecord.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/10/28/new-jersey-plans-large-rollout-kids-covid-vaccine/8562876002/>
12. NJ plans large rollout of COVID vaccine for children, but will the demand be there? (*Claudine Leone quoted*)  
By Scott Fallon and Michael L. Diamond/Burlington County Times  
October 28, 2021  
<https://www.burlingtoncountytimes.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/10/28/new-jersey-plans-large-rollout-kids-covid-vaccine/8562876002/>

13. NJ plans large rollout of COVID vaccine for children, but will the demand be there? *(Claudine Leone quoted)*  
By Scott Fallon and Michael L. Diamond/New Jersey Herald  
October 28, 2021  
<https://www.njherald.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/10/28/new-jersey-plans-large-rollout-kids-covid-vaccine/8562876002/>
14. NJ is preparing for a COVID booster shot rollout. Will it go more smoothly this time? *(Ray Saputelli quoted)*  
By Scott Fallon/NorthJersey.com  
August 19, 2021  
<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/08/19/nj-covid-booster-shot-plans-moderna-pfizer-vaccine/8163669002/>
15. NJ is preparing for a COVID booster shot rollout. Will it go more smoothly this time? *(Ray Saputelli quoted)*  
By Scott Fallon/Courier Post  
August 19, 2021  
<https://www.courierpostonline.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/08/19/nj-covid-booster-shot-plans-moderna-pfizer-vaccine/8163669002/>
16. NJ looks to grow telehealth, a boon to patients in pandemic  
By Lilo H. Stainton/NJ Spotlight News  
August 11, 2021  
<https://www.njspotlight.com/2021/08/nj-telehealth-boon-during-covid-19-pandemic-virtual-therapy-but-some-question-costs-and-effectiveness/>
17. NJ closing vaccine mega-sites: Unclear if family doctors will get supply *(Ray Saputelli quoted)*  
By Erin Vogt/NJ 101.5  
June 2, 2021  
<https://nj1015.com/nj-closing-vaccine-mega-sites-unclear-if-family-doctors-will-get-supply/>
18. NJ closing vaccine mega-sites: Unclear if family doctors will get supply *(Ray Saputelli quoted)*  
By Erin Vogt/94.5 PST  
June 2, 2021  
<https://wpst.com/nj-closing-vaccine-mega-sites-unclear-if-family-doctors-will-get-supply/>
19. Atlantic Medical Group Opens New Office for Pediatric, Family Medicine in Scotch Plains *(Dr. Payal Joshi mentioned)*  
By Rob Seman/TAPinto Scotch Plains/Fanwood  
June 2, 2021  
<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/scotch-plains-slash-fanwood/articles/atlantic-medical-group-opens-new-office-for-pediatric-family-medicine-in-scotch-plains-01acdbb0-8be3-40d3-adfe-ca0ca425df35>
20. Atlantic Medical Group opens new office for pediatric, family medicine in Scotch Plains *(Dr. Payal Joshi mentioned)*  
By Rob Seman/TAPinto South Plainfield  
May 17, 2021

<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/south-plainfield/articles/atlantic-medical-group-opens-new-office-for-pediatric-family-medicine-in-scotch-plains-8>

21. Atlantic Medical Group Opens New Office for Pediatric, Family Medicine in Scotch Plains (*Dr. Payal Joshi mentioned*)  
By Rob Seman/TAPinto Westfield  
May 17, 2021  
<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/westfield/articles/atlantic-medical-group-opens-new-office-for-pediatric-family-medicine-in-scotch-plains-a1ab1190-0492-418b-b765-16ce34aed028>
22. How To Get Your 12-To-15-Year-Old Kid's COVID Vaccine Appointment In NY, NJ Right Now  
By Sophia Chang/Gothamist  
May 13, 2021  
<https://gothamist.com/news/how-get-your-12-15-year-old-kids-covid-vaccine-appointment-ny-nj-right-now>
23. CDC approves Pfizer COVID vaccine for ages 12 to 15, but NJ rollout plan for kids unclear  
By Scott Fallon/Burlington County Times  
May 12, 2021  
<https://www.burlingtoncountytimes.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/05/12/nj-pfizer-covid-vaccine-approved-rollout-plan-kids-12-15-unclear/5037065001/>
24. CDC approves Pfizer COVID vaccine for ages 12 to 15, but NJ rollout plan for kids unclear  
By Scott Fallon/Courier-Post  
May 12, 2021  
<https://www.courierpostonline.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/05/12/nj-pfizer-covid-vaccine-approved-rollout-plan-kids-12-15-unclear/5037065001/>
25. CDC approves Pfizer COVID vaccine for ages 12 to 15, but NJ rollout plan for kids unclear  
By Scott Fallon/NorthJersey.com  
May 12, 2021  
<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/05/12/nj-pfizer-covid-vaccine-approved-rollout-plan-kids-12-15-unclear/5037065001/>
26. CDC approves Pfizer COVID vaccine for ages 12 to 15, but NJ rollout plan for kids unclear  
By Scott Fallon/The Asbury Park Press  
May 12, 2021  
<https://www.app.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/05/12/nj-pfizer-covid-vaccine-approved-rollout-plan-kids-12-15-unclear/5037065001/>
27. CDC approves Pfizer COVID vaccine for ages 12 to 15, but NJ rollout plan for kids unclear  
By Scott Fallon/The Daily Journal  
May 12, 2021  
<https://eu.thedailyjournal.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/05/12/nj-pfizer-covid-vaccine-approved-rollout-plan-kids-12-15-unclear/5037065001/>
28. CDC approves Pfizer COVID vaccine for ages 12 to 15, but NJ rollout plan for kids unclear  
By Scott Fallon/Daily Record  
May 12, 2021

<https://www.dailyrecord.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/05/12/nj-pfizer-covid-vaccine-approved-rollout-plan-kids-12-15-unclear/5037065001/>

29. Map: NJ's White Residents Receive COVID-19 Shots At Almost Twice The Rate Of Blacks, Latinos (*Claudine Leone quoted*)  
By Karen Yi/Gothamist  
May 10, 2021  
<https://gothamist.com/news/map-njs-white-residents-receive-covid-19-shots-almost-twice-rate-blacks-latinos>
30. After facing criticism, Murphy launches webpage to help vaccinate the homebound for COVID (*Dr. Michael Cascarina quoted*)  
By Scott Fallon/NorthJersey.com  
May 5, 2021  
<https://www.wnyc.org/story/nj-will-ramp-vaccine-outreach-state-lifts-most-covid-19-restrictions>
31. NJ's primary care doctors say they're key to ramping up vaccinations but state slow to distribute doses (*Claudine Leone quoted*)  
By Karen Yi/WNYC.com  
May 5, 2021  
<https://www.wnyc.org/story/njs-primary-care-doctors-say-theyre-key-ramping-vaccinations-state-slow-distribute-doses>
32. NJ will ramp up vaccine outreach as state lifts most COVID-19 restrictions (*Claudine Leone quoted*)  
By Karen Yi/WNYC.com  
May 3, 2021  
<https://www.wnyc.org/story/nj-will-ramp-vaccine-outreach-state-lifts-most-covid-19-restrictions>
33. Some get COVID shots. One who didn't died. The uneven effort to vaccinate NJ's homebound (*Dr. Michael Cascarina quoted*)  
By Scott Fallon and Lindy Washburn/NorthJersey.com  
May 3, 2021  
<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/05/03/nj-covid-vaccine-rollout-for-homebound-residents/4874123001/>
34. NJ hospitals fill with younger COVID patients, as more seniors get vaccinated (*Dr. Michael Cascarina quoted*)  
By Scott Fallon/NorthJersey.com  
April 20, 2021  
<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/04/20/nj-covid-hospitalizations-young-people-climb-senior-illness-drops/7255682002/>
35. NJ COVID vaccine rollout slow to include family doctors' offices (*NJAFP mentioned*)  
By Erin Vogt/NJ 101.5  
April 8, 2021  
<https://nj1015.com/nj-covid-vaccine-rollout-slow-to-include-family-doctors-offices/>
36. Family doctors want to give COVID-19 vaccinations (*Dr. Thomas Ortiz quoted*)  
By Raven Santana/NJ Spotlight News  
March 2, 2021  
<https://www.njspotlight.com/video/family-doctors-want-to-give-covid-19-vaccinations/>

37. NJ family doctors: Give us COVID vaccine, we can distribute it faster to most vulnerable (*Claudine Leone, Dr. Roger Thompson and Dr. Thomas Ortiz quoted*)  
By Scott Fallon/NorthJersey.com/The Daily Journal/The Daily Record/Courier Post/New Jersey Herald/Asbury Park Press  
February 24, 2021  
<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/02/24/nj-doctors-office-covid-vaccine-vulnerable-quickly/6793148002/>
  38. Family Doctors — Untapped Resources in NJ’s Battle Against COVID-19 (*Dr. Mike Cascarina quoted*)  
By Lilo H. Stainton/ TAPinto Scotch Plains/Fanwood  
February 23, 2021  
<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/scotch-plains-slash-fanwood/sections/coronavirus-news/articles/family-doctors-untapped-resources-in-nj-s-battle-against-covid-19>
  39. Family doctors — untapped resources in NJ’s battle against COVID-19 (*Dr. Mike Cascarina quoted*)  
By Lilo H. Stainton/ NJ Spotlight News  
February 19, 2021  
<https://www.njspotlight.com/2021/02/family-doctors-covid-19-diabetes-underlying-conditions-communities-of-color-vaccines/>
  40. Seniors accounted for 80% of NJ's COVID deaths. But many feel abandoned in vaccine rollout (*Dr. Robert Gorman quoted*)  
By Scott Fallon/NorthJersey.com  
February 12, 2021  
<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/02/12/nj-seniors-covid-vaccine-appointment-struggles-despite-high-death-toll/4446806001/>
  41. How to Become a Family Medicine Physician (*Dr. Peter Carrazzone quoted*)  
By Ilana Kowarski/US News & World Report/Yahoo! Finance/MSN.com/Yahoo News  
January 25, 2021  
<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-graduate-schools/top-medical-schools/articles/what-family-medicine-is-and-how-to-become-a-family-doctor>
  42. NJ considers allowing COVID vaccines at dentists, eye doctors (*Claudine Leone quoted*)  
By Michael Symons/NJ 101.5  
January 18, 2021  
<https://nj1015.com/nj-considers-allowing-covid-vaccines-at-dentists-eye-doctors/>
  43. Don’t expect a COVID vaccine at your doctor’s office anytime soon. Here’s why. (*Dr. Sean Cook quoted*)  
By Katie Kausch/NJ.com  
January 14, 2021  
<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2021/01/getting-covid-vaccine-at-doctors-office-could-speed-up-the-process-but-it-wont-happen-soon.html>
  44. Why NJ’s decision to vaccinate smokers has some people angry (*Dr. Jen Caudle and Dr. Kennedy Ganti quoted*)  
By Zoe Read/WHYY  
January 14, 2021  
<https://whyy.org/articles/why-njs-decision-to-vaccinate-smokers-has-some-people-angry/>
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NJAFP is also very active on Facebook and Twitter with the top posts presented below:

## Facebook

### Demographics:

- **Gender**
  - Female – 72%
  - Male – 28%
  
- **Age**
  - 18-24 – 2%
  - 25-34 – 10%
  - 35-44 – 22%
  - 45-54 – 24%
  - 55-64 – 19%
  - 65+ – 22%


**Number of Facebook Posts:** 275

**Followers:** 2,765

**Reach:** 22,350

**Engagements:** 3,723


### Top Posts:

 **New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians (NJAFP)** June 2, 2021 · 🌟 ⋮


Are you concerned about how the COVID-19 pandemic and its restrictions have affected your overall health? Take control of your health TODAY by completing this free and anonymous health screening. Click <https://app.doctorhealthbot.com/>, complete the assessment, and then contact your primary care physician to set up an appointment to discuss the results. Let 2021 be the year that YOU focus on YOUR health!

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**Doctor HealthBot**

 **New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians (NJAFP)** December 7, 2021 · 🌟 ⋮

New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians Awarded 2021 Leadership in State Government Advocacy Award. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3y5ovRS>



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**New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians Awarded 2021 Leadership in State Government Advocacy Award - Insider NJ**

 **New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians (NJAFP)** September 2, 2021 · 🌟 ⋮

State passes 80% milestone for COVID vaccinations. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/3gW1Eko>



ROI-NJ.COM i

**State passes 80% milestone for COVID vaccinations | ROI-NJ**  
The state of New Jersey now has 5,598,738 people fully vaccinated agai...

 **New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians (NJAFP)** June 4, 2021 · 🌟 ⋮

"New Jersey's family physicians remain ready and willing to assist in the COVID-19 vaccination effort, should the state require our assistance..." - NJAFP Executive VP/CEO Ray Saputelli. Read the full story here: <https://bit.ly/3fQf6pY>



NJ1015.COM i

**NJ closing vaccine mega-sites: Unclear if family doctors will get supply**

## Twitter

### Demographics:

- Gender
  - Female – 41%
  - Male – 59%

Number of Twitter Posts: 278

Followers: 1229

Reach: 539,982

Mentions/Engagements: 241

### Top Tweets

NJAFF @NJAFP · Mar 21  
Register for the meeting here: [bit.ly/3I4P7G4](https://bit.ly/3I4P7G4)



**CALL A FRIEND...**


2022 Together again!  
**FAMMED**  
**NJAFF**  
FORUM

Register for the 2022 FamMed Forum. Then call a friend and ask them to register. When they name you as their referral in their registration, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Amazon Gift Card! If that registration results in another registrant, they too will be entered into the drawing. And so on... PASS IT ON!

REGISTER TODAY at <https://njaff.org/event/fammed-forum-2022/>  
\* Some restrictions apply. Read the details on [www.njaff.org](https://www.njaff.org)

NJAFF @NJAFP · May 5, 2021

Dr. Michael Cascarina, president of the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians discusses the the uneven effort to vaccinate NJ's homebound. Read the full story here: [njersy.co/3ujh3jr](https://njersy.co/3ujh3jr)



Dr. Michael Cascarina is shown in the back of an ambulance, wearing a blue surgical mask and blue gloves. He is surrounded by medical supplies, including boxes of 'ARE FIT' and 'EMERGENCY' supplies, and a red cooler. The ambulance is parked outdoors with trees in the background.

NJAFF @NJAFP · Nov 9, 2021

You are invited to join a webinar! A Community-based Approach to Vaccine Access: Lessons from the Camden Coalition. Register now: [bit.ly/2XYYPZQ](https://bit.ly/2XYYPZQ)



**CME Accredited Lunchtime Webinar!**

**A Community-based Approach to Vaccine Access: Lessons from the Camden Coalition**

November 16, 2021  
12:00 PM - 1:00PM

The New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians (NJAFP), in partnership with the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, is pleased to present a lunchtime webinar to educate family physicians on community-based efforts to promote vaccines and build vaccine confidence. Learn about the Coalition's Community Ambassador programs for adults and youth, their community engagement efforts, results from their vaccine confidence survey, and how to apply confidence training and accessibility considerations in your practice.

NJAFF @NJAFP · Jun 21, 2021

Join us for a webinar on Wednesday, June 23 at 7:30pm! Register here: [bit.ly/3gocGOj](https://bit.ly/3gocGOj)



**IMPROVING FLU VACCINATIONS**

*The Impact of COVID-19*

**Wednesday June 23  
6:30pm - 7:30pm**  
(via Zoom)

A Presentation including Q&A with ACP-NJ's Northern Governor, Dr. Jonathan Shammash, MD, FACP

and Fran Griffin, RRT, MPA  
QI Advisor, NJAFP  
President, Fran Griffin & Associates, LLC

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Following this session, participants will be able to:

- Use the NACCHO Immunization Standards and Job Aids to self-assess vaccination processes in their own practice
- Summarize strategies used by participating practices on methods to improve vaccine rates
- Describe how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted flu and other vaccination rates

ACPNJ in collaboration with NJAFP, led a Quick Quality Improvement program during the 2020-21 flu season to support primary care practices to implement measurable, sustainable change in immunization rates, particularly influenza. Key tools in this program were the NACCHO Immunization Standards and Job Aids. This session will provide an overview of the Job Aids, strategies used by participating practices, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine on results. Following the overview, there will be an interactive discussion with Dr. Jonathan Shammash, MD, FACP about lessons learned from the program, application to the 2021-22 flu season and predictions for how the pandemic may impact.

CME will be provided.

**REGISTER HERE**

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