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## Governor Murphy Visits Hunterdon Vaccination Clinic



Commissioner Zachary T. Rich, (in car) Health Department Director Karen B. DeMarco and Governor Phil Murphy

The Hunterdon County Health Department commemorated its 50<sup>th</sup> vaccination clinic on Friday, as New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, joined by Hunterdon County Commissioners and other officials, congratulated and thanked several County residents and employees, including Commissioner Zach Rich, for receiving vaccinations, during the Governor's visit to the County's drive thru clinic.

Board of Commissioners Director Susan J. Soloway, Commissioner Shaun C. Van Doren joined Commissioner Rich and Raritan Township Mayor Gary Hazard in welcoming the Governor and state Health Commissioner Judith M. Persichilli, to the clinic, at the County's Route 12 Campus in Raritan Township.

Health Department Director Karen DeMarco provided the state officials with a briefing on the success of the county's

clinic which has administered over 16,000 vaccinations that has included the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccines.

Governor Murphy recognized National Nurses Week in greeting and thanking the clinic's nursing staff and also expressed his admiration for the outstanding service of clinic personnel, including Health Department staff, Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers, Community Emergency Response Teams, Other County Department staff, the Sheriff's Office, and the Prosecutor's Office.

Governor Murphy said, "Throughout the state, health and medical personnel, both professional and volunteers, have successfully brought vaccinations to millions of New Jerseyans. The Hunterdon County drive thru clinic is known for its success and smoothness of operation and I am glad to have had a chance to observe it firsthand."

Director Soloway stated, "The Commissioners have been extolling the efficiency and effectiveness of the Health Department clinic since it began in December. We have heard from many satisfied residents with their praise and it is rewarding to have third party confirmation by the Governor of New Jersey, as he joined us for the 50<sup>th</sup> clinic.

Congressman Tom Malinowski and Assembly members Andrew Zwicker and Roy Freiman, and Flemington Mayor Betsy Driver also participated in the clinic tour, thanking the staff for their efforts.