

IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON AIR QUALITY

TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2022 • 9:30 a.m.

NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS, WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON HOW TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY ACROSS OUR STATE

The pandemic disrupted the behaviors of New Jersey citizens including use of mass transit, goods and vehicle movement, building occupancy, and economic growth, all of which impacted air quality throughout the state. There is evidence that lockdown strategies during early stages of the pandemic significantly altered air pollution related to traffic, energy production, and manufacturing.

THE 2022 CAC PUBLIC HEARING WILL ADDRESS



Reducing Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) is known to improve air quality. What steps can be implemented to continue reductions of VMT?



How do we quantify air quality benefits from working remotely?



What strategies can be employed to overcome hesitancy to using mass transit post-pandemic and quantify benefits of using mass transit?



In situations where VMT will likely increase due to a strong economy and increases in goods movement, what strategies can be used to ensure clean VMT?



How can state and local health agencies and community groups play a role in improving air quality through VMT reduction?



What, if any, new programs would help New Jersey improve both Outdoor and Indoor Air Quality for its residents?

WHO?

New Jersey Clean Air Council

WHAT?

Annual Public Meeting for the New Jersey Clean Air Council

WHEN?

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 9:30 a.m.

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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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ABOUT

The 2022 Clean Air Council public hearing will provide a further understanding of the extent of air pollutant reductions experienced during the COVID-19 Pandemic, and develop a series of recommendations to maintain improvements in air quality.



