

# Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

## Philadelphia Department of Public Health

### The Latest Numbers

- 778,819 people have received at least one dose and 524,589 people are fully vaccinated in Philadelphia as of May 3, 2021.
- The latest information is available on PDPH's [COVID-19 webpage](#) and social media ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)).

### Latest COVID Vaccine News

- **Sign yourself up for a vaccine appointment** here: [Philadelphia \(prepmoapp.com\)](#)
- PDPH plans for [Accessibility at Community Clinics](#) with many different services, including mobility equipment, Video Remote Interpreting (VRI), in-person interpretation, language line, access and functional needs communication Kits, sensory kits, and sensory booths.
  - Information is available [here](#) about services for each clinic site.
  - For more information or to request accommodation, contact [covidvax@phila.gov](mailto:covidvax@phila.gov).
- May is [Mental Health Awareness Month](#).
  - Keep in mind: It's OK to not be OK. These are challenging times, and you are not alone.
  - The [Boost Your Mood](#) campaign includes:
    - Mental Health Monday on 100.3 R&B and Hip Hop and Classix 107.9
      - Many different topics from experts and people with lived experience.
    - Wellness tips, emergency, and non-emergency mental health phone numbers for children, adults, families, and communities.
    - Expert blogs, a free mental health self-screening, and ideas to help deal [with trauma and violence](#).

### FAQ on Herd Immunity

- **I keep hearing about herd immunity. What is this?**
  - Herd immunity is when a large amount of a community (the herd) is protected (immune) from a disease, which makes it harder for a disease to pass from person to person. Herd immunity can protect the whole community.
  - For COVID-19, herd immunity may happen when at least 70% of people are vaccinated. The more people who are vaccinated the safer we all are.
- **If other people are getting a vaccine does that mean I don't need one?**
  - Getting everyone vaccinated helps Philly get closer to herd immunity.
  - You can still give the COVID-19 virus to other people even if you feel fine. If you are vaccinated, you are more likely to protect everyone around you from getting sick with the virus and you also protect yourself.

### How to Stay Connected

- Text COVIDPHL to 888-777 to receive updates to your phone.
- Questions or feedback? Email [COVIDVax@phila.gov](mailto:COVIDVax@phila.gov).
- This newsletter is distributed to the [Community Response Partner Network](#). Sign up to receive this and other essential information, then pass it on to your family, friends and community.