Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

FAQ on the Philadelphia Department of Public Health's update to the COVID-19 Vaccine Data Dashboard

- **What is the Data Dashboard and where can I find it?**
    - The Data Dashboard updates the latest information about COVID-19 in Philadelphia
    - The Data Dashboard is located here: https://bit.ly/COVIDdataPDPH and is updated around 1:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday
- **What is included in the Data Dashboard?**
    - Vaccine data includes a breakdown of the COVID-19 vaccines in Philadelphia
        - Including vaccine type, provider, number of fully vaccinated and more
    - Testing data includes a breakdown of negative and positive COVID-19 tests
        - Including cases, hospitalizations and deaths by vaccination status
    - Both vaccine and testing data include data by zip code, age, race and gender
    - There are data available about many more topics
- **What can data tell me about the COVID-19 pandemic in Philadelphia?**
    - Currently, we have about 250 new cases every day. This is down from 313 cases per day earlier this month.
    - We are seeing 4% of tests for COVID-19 come back positive, which is a good sign that we are catching most positive cases.
        - This is helpful because it means we can follow up to make sure people are seeing a doctor if they need it, are isolating so they don't spread the virus to others and their contacts are informed about how to stay safe.
- **What can data tell me about how well Philadelphia is vaccinating people?**
    - In the city of Philadelphia, currently 83.7% of adults have had 1 dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 69% of adults are fully vaccinated.
        - Nationally, about 64% of adults have had one dose and 55% are fully vaccinated. More information available at: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker
    - Areas of the country with lower vaccination rates have higher numbers of people with COVID and higher numbers of people being hospitalized or dying from the virus.
    - Data is important when working to stop a highly contagious virus like COVID-19 that can spread rapidly through a community. Data helps local organizations and public health officials plan where to focus resources and education, such as vaccine clinics and testing sites.
- **What is a breakthrough case and what do the data say about breakthrough cases in Philadelphia?**
    - When someone is vaccinated against a disease, but still gets infected with that disease, it is called a vaccine breakthrough; the disease "broke through" the vaccine protection.
        - No vaccine, including the COVID-19 vaccines, are 100% perfect, so a very small number of breakthrough infections are expected.
        - People who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can be infected with COVID-19 and end up in the hospital or even die, although this is much less likely.
    - Being vaccinated protects you from death or severe disease with COVID-19 and protects you from passing the disease on to other people.
- **I still have more questions about COVID-19, is there someone who I can talk to?**
    - Please call the COVID call center at 215 685 5588 for more information directly from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health