

# Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

## Philadelphia Department of Public Health

### The Latest Numbers

- 1,145,710 people got at least one dose of vaccine and 939,925 people are “fully vaccinated” in Philadelphia, as of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - 70.3% of Philadelphia’s adults are fully vaccinated, and 86.0 % of Philadelphia’s adults have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
  - 19,414 people have received boosters since August 2021
- Find the newest information on the PDPH COVID-19 webpage at [phila.gov/COVID](https://phila.gov/COVID), PDPH [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

### Latest COVID Vaccine News

- **October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Free Webinar: *Understanding the News About the News About the Booster Shots*** – A chance to have all your questions about boosters answered from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health!
  - Live interpretation services will be available in *Spanish, French, Mandarin, Arabic, Vietnamese and ASL!*
  - Don’t see your language listed? Additional interpreters can be provided upon request when you register. For additional questions and accessibility needs please contact [Emily.klein@phila.gov](mailto:Emily.klein@phila.gov).
  - Use this link to register today: <https://bit.ly/3iCV2Z1>
- **Vaccine mandate deadlines approaching!** - The department of health has recommended vaccination deadlines for people who work in higher education and in healthcare settings.
  - See more details on this information in the FAQ below.
  - Get more details on the dates here: <https://bit.ly/3oGGc7P>

### Latest COVID Vaccine Information

- **Where can I get a vaccine or booster?**
  - If you want to get vaccinated or are eligible for a booster dose, please call 3-1-1 or go to [phila.gov/vaccine](https://phila.gov/vaccine) or [vaccines.gov](https://phila.gov/vaccines) to find a vaccine clinic near you.
    - Walk in and pre-scheduled appointments are available
    - For interpretation, call 3-1-1, press #5 and say your language.
  - All vaccines are free. No insurance or ID required.
- **Lost Vaccination Card?**
  - Philadelphia residents who lost their COVID-19 vaccination card or cannot get a copy of their record from their provider, can call 215-685-5488 or email [covid@phila.gov](mailto:covid@phila.gov) for instructions on how to request a copy of their immunization record.
- **Looking to get tested for COVID-19?** - Testing is FREE at most sites in Philadelphia
  - For a site near you, please see the City of Philadelphia’s COVID-19 testing location finder, *available in 6 languages:* <https://bit.ly/3qCEz6d>
- **Sport’s Corner - Free Phillies tickets** are STILL being offered at all PDPH Indoor vaccination clinics!!
  - Two tickets per person, please inquire at the clinic when you arrive.
  - Available on a first come, first served basis. *Get them before they are gone!*
- **FAQ on the new COVID-19 vaccine mandate from the Philadelphia Board of Health**
  - **What is the vaccine mandate?**
    - **Starting on October 15<sup>th</sup>**, all healthcare workers in the City of Philadelphia and all staff, students, and faculty at colleges and universities in the city will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 unless they have a religious or medical exemption.

- **Why is there a vaccine mandate for healthcare workers?**
  - Healthcare workers have been Philadelphia heroes throughout the pandemic, and it's important that we protect them from hospitalization and death.
  - Given that many healthcare workers, including those in nursing homes and long-term care facilities, work with our most vulnerable loved ones, they need all the protection they can get.
  - By protecting healthcare workers, we protect our most vulnerable as well.
- **Why is there a vaccine mandate for staff, students and faculty at colleges and universities?**
  - Vaccination rates in Philadelphia are the lowest in our younger folks and coincidentally, those are the folks with the highest rates of COVID infection these days.
    - It's important that we do everything we can to lower that infection rate.
  - Previous waves of the pandemic have shown us how quickly this virus can spread through college campuses; getting everyone vaccinated will help keep that from happening again.
- **NYC and other jurisdictions have implemented a vaccine mandate for restaurants, bars, and other indoor entertainment venues. Why has Philadelphia not done that?**
  - We are implementing mandates based on who is most at risk and who is most likely to spread COVID-19. While we may need to move to additional mandates or other strategies, we believe that the mandates announced this week are a logical next step.
- **Is it fair that people who want an exemption from these mandates must pay to see a doctor?**
  - While many people may want a medical exemption so they don't need to receive a COVID vaccine, medical exemptions should only be used for people that truly cannot receive the COVID vaccine. The vast majority of people in Philadelphia will not require a medical exemption.
  - The Health Department strongly believes that being fully vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and the people around you from severe COVID infections and to bring this pandemic wave to an end.
- **Can I get more information about this new COVID-19 vaccine mandate?**
  - More information about the mandate is available here: <https://bit.ly/3oGGc7P>
- **Where to get more information about the COVID-19 vaccines:**
  - Questions on Pfizer and Moderna from PDPH in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian, French and Korean available at: <https://bit.ly/2doseFAQ-PDPH>
  - Questions on all 3 vaccines from PDPH at <https://bit.ly/COVIDvaxFAQ-PDPH> (English) and from the CDC at <https://bit.ly/COVIDvaxFAQ-CDC> (English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and more)

#### How to stay connected

- Text COVIDPHL to 888-777 and get updates on your phone and find the latest information at [phila.gov/COVID](http://phila.gov/COVID), [facebook.com/phillyhealth](https://facebook.com/phillyhealth) and [twitter @PHLPublicHealth](https://twitter.com/PHLPublicHealth)
- Questions or suggestions? Email [COVIDVax@phila.gov](mailto:COVIDVax@phila.gov)
- This newsletter is sent to the [Community Response Partner Network](#)
  - Sign up at <https://hip.phila.gov/EmergencyResponse/CommunityResponse> to get essential public health information, then pass it on to your family, friends, and community.

Be safe!



# Philadelphia Covid-19 Vaccination Events

## October 2021



**MONDAY**  
October 11th

### NO CLINICS

**TUESDAY**  
October 12th

**Juniata Older Adult Center**  
1251 E Sedgley Ave, 19134  
10am-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

**Lillian Marrero Library**  
601 W Lehigh Ave, 19133  
Tuesdays, 11:30am-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

**Tacony Library**  
6742 Torresdale Ave, 19135  
Tuesdays, 10am-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

**WEDNESDAY**  
October 13th

### NO CLINICS

**THURSDAY**  
October 14th

**MLK Older Adult Center**  
2100 Cecil B Moore Ave  
10am-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

**Paschalville Library**  
6942 Woodland Ave, 19142  
Thursdays, 10am-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

**FRIDAY**  
October 15th

**Grand Yesha Ballroom**  
2308 Synder Ave, 19145  
10am-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

**Blackwell Library**  
128 S 52nd St, 19139  
Fridays, 1pm-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

**Logan Library**  
6742 Torresdale Ave  
Tuesdays, 10am-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

**SATURDAY**  
October 16th

**Community Academy**  
1100 E Erie Ave  
10am-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

For more information, visit [phila.gov/vaccine](https://phila.gov/vaccine) or call 311.  
(Press 5 and say your language for interpretation.)

All clinics are ADA accessible and have Language Line phone interpretation.