

# Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

## Philadelphia Department of Public Health

### The Latest Numbers

- 1,275,370 people got at least one dose of vaccine and 1,010,865 people are “fully vaccinated” in Philadelphia, as of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - 93.1% of Philadelphia’s adults are fully vaccinated, and 87.6 % of Philadelphia’s adults have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
  - 140,761 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

- **Vaccine Mandate**
  - As of January 14th, 2022, all City of Philadelphia employees and contractors must be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccination series.
- **Have an upcoming public health event happening in your community?**
  - Send us an email with a .png file of your event flyer at least two weeks in advance.
  - We will advertise the event on our social media platforms.

### Latest COVID Vaccine Information

- **COVID-19 vaccine is available for children in the City of Philadelphia**
  - Children ages 5-11 years old can receive pediatric doses of the Pfizer vaccination.
  - For more information, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3d3w6H7>
- **Where can I get a COVID-19 vaccine or booster?**
  - Call 3-1-1 or go to [phila.gov/vaccine](https://phila.gov/vaccine) or [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov) to find a vaccine clinic near you.
    - For interpretation, call 3-1-1, press #5 and say your language.
  - Walk-in and pre-scheduled appointments are available.
  - Vaccine is 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.
- **Want to get tested for COVID-19?**
  - Testing is FREE at most sites in Philadelphia!
  - For a site nearest you, please see the City of Philadelphia’s testing location finder, *available in 6 languages*: <https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/?services=>.

### FAQ on the Omicron Variant

- **What is Omicron?**
  - Omicron is the name of the latest variant (type) of the COVID-19 virus.
  - All viruses are expected to mutate (change) over time. These mutations can become new variants (types) of viruses.
    - Mutations are normal for viruses and scientists are researching how new variants of COVID-19 affect our health
- **Why is everyone talking about Omicron?**
  - The Omicron COVID-19 variant has mutations that could make it spread more easily.

- Researchers around the world are working to see how well the COVID-19 vaccines and medications work against this new variant.
- **Is Omicron in Philadelphia and how do you know this?**
  - As of 11/29/2021, there have been NO cases of the Omicron variant in Philadelphia.
  - Researchers in Philadelphia do surveillance (regular testing) to track what variants of the COVID-19 virus are in our city.
    - This tracking also happens at the state, regional, national, and international levels.
- **How can we keep each other safe from Omicron?**
  - Get vaccinated and get a booster if eligible.
    - Researchers are still understanding exactly how the vaccines work with this new variant, but existing research shows that COVID-19 vaccines will provide some protection from Omicron, particularly for people who have had booster shots.
  - It's smart for people to look for updates about Omicron, but continue to take precautions against the Delta variant and other respiratory viruses that tend to spread during the colder months:
    - Wear a mask
    - Avoid crowded places
    - Wash your hands
    - Stay home if you're sick
    - Get vaccinated if you're not and get a booster dose if you're eligible
  - Wearing a mask and avoiding crowded indoor spaces will be important over the next few weeks because COVID-19 cases are increasing in the Philadelphia area and because of concerns about the Omicron variant.
- **Where did the name Omicron come from?**
  - COVID variants are named after the letters of the Greek alphabet.
    - The 1st letter of the Greek alphabet is named Alpha, the 4th is Delta, and the 15th is Omicron.
- **Where can I get more information?**
  - Visit [www.who.int/news/item/28-11-2021-update-on-omicron](https://www.who.int/news/item/28-11-2021-update-on-omicron)

#### Where to get more information about the COVID-19 vaccines:

- Questions on all 3 vaccines from PDPH can be found 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](https://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](https://hip.phila.gov/EmergencyResponse/CommunityResponse) 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 December 2021



## MONDAY November 29th

- McIlvain Rec Center**  
5200 N Penn St, 19124  
10am-2pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available
- Widener Library**  
2208 W Lehigh Ave, 19132  
11am-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available
- Haverford Library**  
5543 Haverford Ave, 19139  
1pm-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

## TUESDAY November 30th

- Sturgis Playground**  
200 W 63rd St, 19126  
10am-4pm  
Pfizer (5+), Johnson & Johnson available
- Tacony Library**  
6742 Torresdale Ave, 19135  
10am-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available
- Lillian Marrero Library**  
601 W Lehigh Ave, 19133  
11:30am-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

## WEDNESDAY December 1st

- ACANA**  
5530 Chester Ave, 19143  
10am-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available
- Lawncrest Library**  
6098 Rising Sun Ave, 19111  
11am-5pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available
- Grand Yesha Ballroom**  
2308 Snyder Ave, 19145  
10am-4pm  
Pfizer (5+), Johnson & Johnson available

## THURSDAY December 2nd

- Waterview Rec Center**  
5826 McMahon Ave, 19144  
12pm-6pm  
Pfizer (5+), Johnson & Johnson available
- Paschalville Library**  
6942 Woodland Ave, 19142  
1pm - 4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson Available

## FRIDAY December 3rd

- Blackwell Library**  
128 S 52nd St, 19139  
1pm-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available
- Logan Library**  
1333 Wagner Ave, 19141  
1pm-4pm  
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

## SATURDAY December 4th

- Global Leadership Academy**  
4601 W Girard Avenue, 19131  
10am-4pm  
Pfizer (5+), Johnson & Johnson available