

Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

- 1,289,544 people got at least one dose of vaccine and 1,021,086 people are “fully vaccinated” in Philadelphia, as of December 6th, 2021.
 - 94.0% of Philadelphia’s adults have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
 - 157,213 people have received boosters since August 13, 2021.
- Find the newest information on the PDPH COVID-19 webpage at phila.gov/COVID, PDPH [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Latest COVID Vaccine News

- **Pediatric COVID-19 vaccinations will be available at Lawncrest Library on December 8th, 2021!**
 - Clinic hours are from 11am—5pm. Located at 6098 Rising Sun Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19111.
 - No appointment or ID required, parent or guardian consent required for children ages 5 – 11.
- **Holiday Toy Giveaway event at Garsed Manor:**
 - Join Unique Dreams Inc., on Thursday, December 23rd, 2021, at 10:30am for toys, gifts, and prizes. Located at 4047 Leiper Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124.
 - Vaccinations will also be available.
- **Disability Health Forum on COVID and vaccines**
 - The Disability Health Forum made a video with ASL interpretation on current, essential information about COVID and the vaccines in Philadelphia for the disability community.
 - Video can be found here: <https://bit.ly/Nov2021DisabilityHealthForum>
- **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 or 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 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=.](https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/?services=)

FAQ on the Flu Shot

- **Who should get a flu shot?**

- Everyone older than 6 months should get a flu shot every year.
- **Why should I get a flu shot?**
 - The flu shot makes it much less likely that you will get sick with the flu.
 - If you do catch the flu, being vaccinated can make your illness shorter and less serious.
- **When should I get a flu shot?**
 - As soon as possible!
 - Flu season usually starts in Philadelphia in December or January.
- **Where can I get a flu shot?**
 - Contact your regular healthcare provider.
 - Pharmacies and health centers have walk-up availability.
 - More information here: <https://bit.ly/FluPHL>
 - Scroll down the page for the Flu Clinic Map and Flu Clinic Calendar.
- **What about my COVID vaccine? Can I get a flu shot at the same time?**
 - Absolutely! You can get your flu shot and COVID vaccine at the same time.
 - Getting both vaccines will help keep you safe from both viruses and help keep your loved ones safer through the whole winter.
- **Can the flu shot give me the flu?**
 - No, the flu vaccine cannot cause flu.
 - The vaccines either contain a not active virus, meaning the viruses are no longer infectious (able to cause illness), or are designed to look like the flu virus to your immune system.
 - The nasal spray flu vaccine does contain a live virus, but the viruses are changed so that they cannot give you the flu.
- **Why does it seem like some people get sick with the flu after they get their flu shot?**
 - The flu shot protects you from many strains (types) of the flu virus, but sometimes people get sick from another strain of the flu.
 - Some people have side effects from the flu shot that are similar to symptoms of the flu.
- **Are there side effects to the flu shot?**
 - Every medicine and vaccine can have side effects.
 - Common side effects from the flu shot include:
 - Headache, fever, nausea, or muscle aches
 - Soreness, redness, and/or swelling in the arm from the shot
 - Side effects of the flu shot are usually mild and go away on their own within a few days.
- **Can staying safe from COVID also helps us stay safe from the flu?**
 - Yes! Wearing a mask, washing your hands often, meeting in large groups outdoors, and staying away from others who are sick will help keep you safe from both flu and COVID.

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)
- Disability Health Forum video with ASL interpretation: <https://bit.ly/Nov2021DisabilityHealthForum>
 - Includes current topics, FAQs, and more. Current as of November 19, 2021.

How to stay connected

- Text COVIDPHL to 888-777 and get updates on your phone and find the latest information at phila.gov/COVID, facebook.com/phillyhealth and [twitter @PHLPublicHealth](https://twitter.com/PHLPublicHealth)
- For future disability announcements, contact liam.dougherty@phila.gov
- Questions or suggestions? Email 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 December 2021



Monday, December 6th

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, December 7th

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 8th

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

Thursday, December 9th

Waterview Rec Center
5826 McMahon Ave, 19144
10am-4pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

Paschalville Library
6942 Woodland Ave, 19142
1pm-4pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

Friday, December 10th

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 11th

Community Academy
1100 Erie Ave, 19124
10am-4pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available