

Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

- **One Year of COVID-19 Vaccines!**
 - As of December 13, 2021, it is officially one year since the COVID-19 vaccination began in the City of Philadelphia! See how far we have come: <https://bit.ly/CityofPhiladelphiaVaccineData>
- 1,305,916 people got at least one dose of vaccine and 1,021,902 people are “fully vaccinated” in Philadelphia, as of December 13th, 2021.
 - 95.0% of adults in Philadelphia have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
 - 88.0% of Philadelphia residents ages 12-17 have received at least one dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
 - 17.4% of Philadelphia residents ages 5-11 have received at least one dose of the Pfizer pediatric vaccine.
 - 176,074 people have received boosters since August 13, 2021.
- Find the newest information on the PDPH COVID-19 webpage at phila.gov/COVID or on the Department's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

Latest COVID Vaccine News

- **The City will now require proof of vaccination from patrons at all indoor eating and drinking establishments!**
 - Starting January 3, 2022, all bars, restaurants, and places where public eating or drinking occurs while indoors will require proof of a complete COVID-19 vaccination series to enter.
 - Announced at a press conference on Monday, December 13, the City mandate also requires both staff of these establishments and their children (ages 5 and up) to have at least one dose by January 3.
 - For the first two weeks of January, proof of a negative COVID-19 test will be allowed for entry. Read the press release here: <https://bit.ly/PhiladelphiaMandate>.
- **Holiday Toy Giveaway at Garsed Manor:**
 - Join Unique Dreams Inc. on Thursday, December 23, 2021 at 10:30am for toys, gifts, and prizes. This event will take place at 4047 Leiper St, Philadelphia, PA 19124, and vaccinations will also be available.
- The Disability Health Forum made a video with ASL interpretation on current, essential information about COVID-19 and the vaccines in Philadelphia for the disability community: <https://bit.ly/Nov2021DisabilityHealthForum>.
 - For future disability health announcements, contact Liam.Dougherty@phila.gov.
- **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 boosters have been expanded for ages 16 and older.**
 - The CDC has expanded their guidelines to recommend booster doses of the COVID-19 Vaccine and to adolescents aged 16 and 17. For more information on COVID-19 Booster guidance and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1208-16-17-booster.html>.
- **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>
 - Vaccine is free, no insurance or ID required.
- **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=>.

FAQ on Who Can Get a COVID-19 Vaccine and a Booster Right Now

- **Why should I get a COVID-19 vaccine or a booster? Haven't enough people been vaccinated yet?**
 - The number of cases of COVID-19 went up after the Thanksgiving holiday, so there is more virus in our communities and more chances to become infected with COVID-19.
 - A vaccine and booster dose will prevent you from getting COVID-19 and can help prevent you from spreading the COVID-19 infection on to others.
 - The person you may pass COVID-19 on to may not be able to fight off the infection as well and could end up seriously sick or in the hospital.
- **Who can get a COVID-19 vaccine in Philadelphia right now?**
 - Pfizer vaccine is available for anyone ages 5 and up.
 - Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine is available to anyone 18 and up.
- **Who can get a booster in Philadelphia?**
 - Everyone ages 16 and older!
 - Anyone age 16+ who got Pfizer for their first 2 doses at least 6 months ago.
 - Anyone age 18+ who got Moderna for their first 2 doses at least 6 months ago.
 - Anyone age 18+ who got Johnson & Johnson for their vaccine at least 2 months ago.
- **Do I have to get the same type of vaccine as my booster? Which vaccine is recommended?**
 - You can mix and match and get any type of vaccine as your booster dose, it doesn't have to be the same one you got originally.
- **Why did the CDC lower the age of people eligible for a booster dose?**
 - Concerns about spread of the Omicron variant is one main reason the CDC approved a booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine for 16 and 17 year-olds.
- **I keep hearing about the Delta and Omicron variant spreading more easily. Will the booster protect me from the Omicron and Delta variants?**
 - Yes, researchers are still understanding exactly how the vaccines work with these new variants, but existing research shows the COVID-19 vaccines provide some protection from Omicron and Delta and a booster dose should provide extra protection.
- **Where can I get more information?**
 - More information can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html> or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>.

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](#)
 - To view an archive of past newsletters, please visit <https://hip.phila.gov/newsletters/covid-19-vaccine-newsletter/>.
 - 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 20th**

Simpson Rec Center

1010 Arrott St., 19124
1pm-6pm

Pfizer (5+), 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 21st**

Lonnie Young Rec Center

100 E Chelton Ave., 19138
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 22nd**

MLK Older Adult Center

2100 Cecil B Moore Ave., 19121
10am-4pm

Pfizer (5+), Johnson & Johnson available

Lawncrest Library

6098 Rising Sun Ave., 19111
11am-5pm

Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

**Thursday,
December 23rd**

Waterview Rec Center

5826 McMahan Ave., 19144
10am-4pm

Pfizer (5+), Johnson & Johnson available

Unique Dreams

4704 Leiper St., 19124
11am-3pm

Pfizer (5+), Johnson & Johnson available