

Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

- 1,327,082 people have received at least one dose and 1,041,590 people are fully vaccinated in Philadelphia as of December 20, 2021.
 - 96% of adults in Philadelphia have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - 89.1% of Philadelphia residents ages 12-17 have received at least one dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
 - 21.2% of Philadelphia residents ages 5-11 have received at least one dose of Pfizer's pediatric vaccine.
 - 199,005 people have received boosters since August 13, 2021.
- The latest information is available on PDPH's [COVID-19 webpage](#) and social media ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)).

Latest COVID Vaccine News

- **Get a FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 rapid test kit!** Find one on a first come, first served basis at a local PDPH vaccination clinic during the week of December 20, while supplies last! For more information on locations, please visit: <https://bit.ly/rapidathomecovidtestkits>.
- **The City of Philadelphia will 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 indoors will require proof of a full COVID-19 vaccination series to enter.
 - The City mandate also requires staff at these places and their children (ages 5 and up) to have at least one dose by 1/3/22.
 - For the first two weeks of January, proof of a negative test will be allowed upon entry. Read the press release here: <https://bit.ly/PhiladelphiaMandate>.
- **Disability Health Forum's video with ASL interpretation:** Get updated on current, essential information about COVID-19 and the vaccines in Philadelphia for the disability community at <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 at least two weeks in advance, and we will advertise the event on our social media platforms!

Latest COVID-19 Vaccine Information

- **New recommendations for J&J COVID-19 vaccinations:** There have been rare cases of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) in women ages 30-49 who received their J&J dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Only 54 cases were found in the 17 million doses administered.
 - *Have you taken the J&J vaccine?* It is now recommended you get an mRNA booster dose to give you added protection against the Omicron variant.
 - Talk to your healthcare provider for more information on what is best for you.
- **COVID-19 boosters have been expanded for ages 16 and older.** CDC recommends booster doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for those ages 16 and 17.
- **Children in Philadelphia can now get the COVID-19 vaccine.** Kids ages 5-11 can now receive Pfizer's pediatric dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. It is safe and effective for children to get vaccinated against COVID-19 per CDC guidelines and an FDA review.
- **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. Walk in and pre-scheduled appointments are available. For interpretation, call 3-1-1, press #5, and say your language. As a reminder, all vaccines are free, and no insurance or ID required to get vaccinated.
- **Lost Vaccination Card?** 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.
- **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://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/?services=>.

Where to Get More Information about the COVID-19 Vaccines

- Questions on all three vaccines from PDPH are available 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>. (Current as of 11/19/2021)

How to Stay Connected

- Text COVIDPHL to 888-777 to receive updates to your phone. The latest information is available on PDPH's [COVID-19 webpage](#) and social media ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)).
- Questions or feedback? Email COVIDVax@phila.gov.
- This newsletter is distributed to the [Community Response Partner Network](#). Sign up to receive this and other essential information, then pass it on to your family, friends and community.