

Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

- 1,356,958 people ages 18 and up (97.5%) got at least one dose of vaccine and 1,053,163 people (77.5%) ages 18 and up are fully vaccinated in Philadelphia, as of January 3, 2022.
 - 90.8 % of people ages 12 and up and 24% of children 5 – 11 years old have received at least one dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
 - 229,775 people (18+) 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.

The Latest News

- **Been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and having some trouble getting a test? Here are some key things to know:**
 - If you are fully vaccinated and got a booster dose:
 - Make sure to wear a mask any time you are around others for 10 days.
 - Get tested on day 5.
 - If you are unvaccinated or have not received a booster dose:
 - You must quarantine and stay away from others for 5 days after you were exposed to someone with COVID-19.
 - Exposed means that you have been less than 6 feet from a person who has COVID or thinks they have COVID for 15 minutes or more.
 - If you show no symptoms at all, still wear a mask around others and get tested on day 5.
 - COVID-19 symptoms can include:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Tiredness
 - Muscle or body aches
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - For more information, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3d3w6H7>

Vaccine Mandate

- Starting January 3, 2022, it is required to show proof you are vaccinated to enter at all indoor restaurants, bars, and anywhere public people eat or drink in Philadelphia.
 - For the first two weeks of January, proof of a negative test will be allowed upon entry.
- More information here: <https://bit.ly/PhiladelphiaMandate>

The Latest COVID-19 Vaccine Information

- People tend to get COVID during the holidays, so even if you don't have symptoms now, know what to look for. Let's protect each other!
 - Avoid crowds and indoor events. Wear two masks when you are indoors with a crowd.

- Wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer often.
- If you feel sick, stay home.
- Get vaccinated, get your booster, and help others get vaccinated.
- Get tested before you visit anyone who can't be vaccinated, is sick, a senior, or under 5 years old. Get tested immediately if you feel sick and get tested 5 days after you think you have been exposed to COVID.
- **Need a COVID-19 vaccine or booster?**
 - Call 3-1-1 or visit 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
 - Vaccine is free, no insurance or ID required!
- **Want to get tested for COVID-19?**
 - Call 3-1-1 or visit phila.gov/testing to find a site near you (available in 6 languages)
 - Testing is FREE at most sites in Philadelphia
 - Access the testing schedule here: <https://bit.ly/COVIDtestingevents>
- **New recommendations for the J&J COVID-19 vaccine:**
 - If you got a J&J vaccine, it is now recommended you get a booster with Pfizer or Moderna. This is because 54 people out of the 17 million who got J&J experienced a rare blood clotting disorder.
 - J&J vaccine will still be available to people who can't or do not want to get another type of COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Lost Vaccination Card?**
 - Ask your healthcare provider first, if they cannot help, call 215-685-5488 or email covid@phila.gov to request a copy of your vaccine record.
- **Have an upcoming public health event happening in your community?**
 - Send us an email with a file of your event flyer at least two weeks in advance.
 - We will advertise your event on our social media!

Where to get more information

- **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)
- **Disability Health Forum video with ASL interpretation:** <https://bit.ly/Nov2021DisabilityHealthForum>
 - Includes current topics, FAQs and more. Current as of November 19, 2021
 - For future disability health announcements, contact liam.dougherty@phila.gov

How to stay connected

- **Philadelphia Coronavirus Helpline**
 - Have questions about symptoms and risk of the COVID-19 coronavirus? Call the 24/7 helpline to talk to a medical professional. CALL 800-722-7112
- 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)
- This newsletter is sent to the [Community Response Partner Network](https://communityresponse.phila.gov) Sign up at <https://bit.ly/phlcommunityresponse> to get essential public health information, then pass it on to your family, friends, and community.
- Questions or suggestions? Email us at COVIDVax@phila.gov

Be safe and Happy New Year!