

Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

- 1,517,097 people ages 18 and up (95%) got at least one dose of vaccine and 1,222,230 people ages 18 and up (80.7%) are fully vaccinated in Philadelphia, as of February 22nd, 2022.
 - 90.5% of people ages 12 and up and 53.6% of children 5 – 11 years old have received at least one dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
- 389,324 people ages 18 and up (34.1%) 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

- **Congratulations Philly!**
 - 1 million people are fully vaccinated and protected from COVID-19.
 - 3 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been given in the city of Philadelphia.
 - We are getting there, but more people need to be fully vaccinated and get a booster dose for us all to stay safe and help move us out of the pandemic.
- **Eligible residents can get \$100 for getting fully vaccinated.**
 - Residents are eligible at the time they receive a single dose of J&J or a second dose of Pfizer or Moderna.
 - Go to one of the participating PDPH COVID-19 vaccine clinics and sign up to receive your incentive by email within 1-2 days or by mail within 10 – 14 days.
 - More information at <http://bit.ly/fullyvaccinatedincentive>
 - The program started on February 16th and will continue for 6 weeks.
 - *More information below in the FAQ*
- **New COVID-19 Response Levels**
 - The new COVID Response Levels tie the City's COVID mandates to specific data and numbers.
 - These levels were created to:
 - Increase transparency around the decision-making process for COVID guidance and mandates, and allow residents to set expectations.
 - Allow us to be flexible and increase restrictions if there is another variant or increase in cases.
 - There are four COVID-19 response levels.
 - Each level is connected to how the City's public mandates will be enforced.
 - **We are currently in Level 2: Mask Precautions.**
 - The current response level will be closely monitored and updated as needed every Monday.
 - More information available here: <https://bit.ly/COVIDResponseLevels>
- **Immigrant and Refugee Wellness Academy Now Accepting Applications**
 - Immigrant/Refugee Wellness Academy (IRWA) is a free training program.
 - IRWA is designed to empower and prepare Philadelphia's multilingual/multicultural immigrants and refugees with knowledge, resources, and tools necessary to engage in activities that address behavioral health and intellectual disability challenges, trauma, and inequity experienced within the immigrant and refugee community.
 - The benefits of this certificate program include behavioral health and intellectual disability knowledge and understanding, mental health interpretation skills, leadership and advocacy skills, and more.
 - **Applications close on February 28, 2022.**
 - More information here: <https://bit.ly/IRWAFeb28>

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

- **Where to find a COVID-19 vaccine:**
 - 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!
- **Where to find a COVID-19 test:**
 - Visit www.COVIDtests.gov to order your free at-home rapid COVID-19 test kits.
 - 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.
 - Testing event schedule is available here: <https://bit.ly/COVIDtestingevents>
- **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.
 - The CDC does not provide copies of COVID-19 vaccination card.
- **Have an upcoming public health event happening in your community?**
 - Send us an email at COVIDVax@phila.gov with a file of your event flyer at least two weeks in advance and we will advertise your event on our social media!

FAQ on the COVID-19 INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- **What is the COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Program?**
 - Eligible residents can sign up to get \$100 for getting fully vaccinated.
 - *Residents are eligible at the time they receive a single dose of J&J or a second dose of Pfizer or Moderna.*
 - More information at: <http://bit.ly/fullyvaccinatedincentive>
 - You will not receive \$100 the day you get vaccinated and there are not cash or cards on site.
- **Who is eligible to receive this incentive?**
 - Receiving your first dose of J&J
 - Receiving your second dose of Pfizer or Moderna
 - *Please bring proof of your 1st vaccine or, if you were vaccinated in Philly, we can look up your vaccine record.
- **Who is not eligible at this time?**
 - Receiving your first dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.
 - Receiving a booster dose of Pfizer, Moderna, or J&J.
 - You are under 18 and do not have a parent or guardian present.
 - You are not a resident of Philadelphia.
 - *A piece of mail with your name and Philadelphia address is fine.
 - You are a City employee.
- **Children ages 11 and older can consent for vaccine by themselves; can they get the incentive?**
 - Yes, children ages 5 - 17 can receive this incentive, but a parent or guardian must be present to consent to the incentive.
- **Can I get an incentive anywhere vaccine is offered in Philadelphia?**
 - Unfortunately, funds are limited. Incentives are only offered at the sites on the back of this page and at <http://bit.ly/fullyvaccinatedincentive>
- **Why is PDPH offering money for people to get vaccinated now and why is the incentive not offered for people getting a first dose of a 2-dose vaccine?**
 - Many Philadelphians have already received their first dose. For many reasons, not everyone has been fully vaccinated.

- In Philadelphia, people who are not fully vaccinated are still at high-risk of getting sick with COVID-19, being hospitalized with COVID-19, or passing the virus to others.
- We want to encourage people to take the next step and get fully vaccinated.
- **Why are you offering J&J when there are some safety concerns about this vaccine?**
 - J&J provides adequate protection against COVID-19. It is being offered for those who are unwilling or unable to get vaccinated with a two-dose vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna).
- **What about all the people who are already fully vaccinated; will they also get \$100?**
 - At this point in the pandemic, the best way to protect everyone in our community and get closer to the pandemic being over is for more people to become fully vaccinated.
 - That is why the incentive is only available to people receiving their only dose of J&J or second dose of Pfizer or Moderna.

MORE INFORMATION

- Get updates on transportation and access and functional needs resources, as well as an up-to-date access description of City-run clinics at <https://bit.ly/KnowB4Ugo>
- **Disability Health Forum video with ASL:** <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
- **Questions on all 3 vaccines from PDPH:** <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

- **Philadelphia Coronavirus Helpline** - 800-722-7112, press #9 for interpretation. Open 24/7!
 - Talk to a medical professional about COVID-19 symptoms, exposure, vaccine, tests, Etc.
- 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://bit.ly/phlcommunityresponse) 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 or leave a message with the Public Health Preparedness Program Outreach Team at 215-429-3016.

Be safe!