

Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

- 1,532,796 people ages 18 and up (95%) got at least one dose of vaccine and 1,240,218 people ages 18 and up (82%) are fully vaccinated in Philadelphia, as of March 8th, 2022.
 - 91.5% 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.
- 405,357 people ages 18+ and up (32.3%) 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

- **The COVID Vaccine Incentive Program continues**
 - 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>
 - Information in 12 languages available at <https://bit.ly/HIP-COVID> under Vaccine Information.
- **The Winter 2022 COVID Vaccine Newsletter is available in 13 languages**
 - Essential COVID vaccine information, frequently asked questions and more.
 - Available in Amharic, Arabic, Spanish, French, Haitian Creole, Indonesian, Khmer, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese
 - Available at <https://bit.ly/CRPNnewsletter>
- **Free COVID Tests are still available!**
 - 5 million tests were available from the CDC, but only about half have been claimed.
 - Go to <https://www.covidtests.gov/> to order yours now and save them for when you need a test.
- **Virtual Information Session**
 - **Thursday, March 24 from 11-12PM**
 - Topics include: COVID Response Levels, updates on COVID vaccine and testing, and how to prepare for public health emergencies in Philadelphia.
 - Live interpretation available in: Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, French, Arabic, Russian, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Korean, and American Sign Language
 - To join via computer, register at: <https://bit.ly/3hRG6FY>
 - To join via phone, call the number below and enter the Webinar ID at 11 AM on March 24. Call: 312 626 6799. Webinar ID: 836 5113 2009
 - For questions about accessibility, contact: Terri.Clark@Phila.gov

FAQ on COVID Response Level: ALL CLEAR

- **What are the COVID-19 Response Levels?**
 - The Response Levels tie the City's COVID mandates to specific data and numbers.
 - There are four COVID-19 response levels. Each level is connected to how the City's public mandates will be enforced.
 - More information available here: <https://bit.ly/COVIDResponseLevels>

- **What does COVID Response Level: ALL CLEAR mean?**
 - No vaccine requirement for places that serve food or drink.
 - No mask requirement (except in healthcare institutions, congregate settings, and on public transportation where masks are still required).
 - More information available here: <https://bit.ly/0302AllClear>
- **Why are so many people still wearing masks if we are in the All Clear?**
 - Wearing a mask is still one of the best ways to keep yourself and others protected.
 - Some may still wear a mask when they are in a large crowd
 - Some may wear a mask because they have a family member who is high-risk, they may be sick and are actually protecting you, and some may just want to be safe.
- **If we are in the All Clear, does this mean the COVID-19 pandemic is over?!**
 - Unfortunately, the pandemic is not yet over, but we may be getting close.
 - If a new COVID variant were to come to Philadelphia or cases started to rise again, we may need to move to the Mask Precautions Level or higher and start enforcing the public mandates again.
- **What can we do to move from the All Clear to end the pandemic in Philadelphia?**
 - Get your booster dose or get fully vaccinated if you have not already.
 - The more people who are vaccinated, the less chance the virus has to spread from person to person and cause more cases of COVID.
 - Remember, the pandemic may end, but COVID-19 is here to stay.
 - In the future, COVID may be like the seasonal flu or common cold and we may have regular vaccines to help protect us.

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!

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](https://www.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!