

Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

- 1,536,033 people ages 18 and up (95%) got at least one dose of vaccine and 1,243,224 people ages 18 and up are fully vaccinated in Philadelphia, as of March 15th, 2022.
 - 93.2% of people ages 12 and up and 34.6% of children 5 – 11 years old have received at least one dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
- 415,486 people ages 18+ and up (32.6%) 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

- **Updated School Guidance**
 - Schools (K-12) and Early Childhood Education are now mask-optional.
 - Certain early childcare education centers that receive federal funding will continue to require masks.
 - There will be a 1-week mask requirement after Spring Break to avoid a post-break surge in COVID-19 cases.
 - More information available here: <https://bit.ly/0311COVIDSchoolUpdate>
- **The In-Home COVID-19 Vaccine Program is taking appointments**
 - COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots for anyone over 12 years old who has had trouble getting their vaccine because of disability, health issues, transportation, language or other barriers \.
 - Caregivers & family members in the home are eligible.
 - Vaccine is free, no insurance or ID required.
 - To register:
 - Visit: <https://bit.ly/inhomevaccinephl>
 - Call 311 or 215-685-5488 (Press 5 for interpretation services. Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance.)
- **Free COVID Tests are still available!**
 - 5 million tests were available from the CDC, but only about half have been claimed.
 - Each household can place 2 orders of 4 tests, for 8 tests total.
 - Go to <https://www.covidtests.gov/> to order yours now and save them for when you need a test.
- **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>

LATEST EVENTS

- **Virtual COVID-19 Information Sessions**
 - **TOMORROW, Wednesday, March 16 from 4-6PM**
 - **SPANISH language only**
 - Obtener más información sobre el COVID-19 en Filadelfia:
 - Vacunas Pediátricas y de refuerzo , orientación de aislamiento y cuarentena , centro de atención telefónica en español, nuevas normas del COVID y otros recursos
 - Register at: <https://bit.ly/0316Info>
 - Llamar cuando comience el seminario web a las 4PM del 16PM
 - Llamenos al 312 626 6799
 - Webinar ID 886 4468 4759
 - Para preguntas sobre la accesibilidad, comuníquese con: Rainy.Paulino@phila.gov o Gibran.Medina@phila.gov
 - **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
 - Register to join by computer 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
- **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!

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.
 - Sign up for the In-Home COVID vaccine program
 - Visit: <https://bit.ly/inhomevaccinephl>
 - Call 311 or 215-685-5488 (Press 5 for interpretation services. Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance.)
 - 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.

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](#) 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!