

# Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

## Philadelphia Department of Public Health

### The Latest Numbers

- 1,537,568 people ages 18 and up (95%) got at least one dose of vaccine and 1,245,327 people ages 18 and up are fully vaccinated in Philadelphia, as of March 21st, 2022.
  - 93.2% of people ages 12 and up and 34.8% of children 5 – 11 years old have received at least one dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
- 416,829 people ages 18+ and up (32.7%) have received boosters since August 13, 2021.
- Find the newest information on the PDPH COVID-19 webpage at [phila.gov/COVID](http://phila.gov/COVID) or on the Department's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

### The Latest News

- **Register for the In-Home COVID-19 Vaccine Program**
  - 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 N95s**
  - Stock up on free N95 masks from the Strategic National Stockpile
  - Visit <https://bit.ly/FreeN95s>
- **Free COVID Tests are still available!**
  - 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 through the end of the month.**
  - 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**
  - **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](mailto:Terri.Clark@Phila.gov)
- **Have an upcoming public health event happening in your community?**
  - Send us an email at [COVIDVax@phila.gov](mailto: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 What to expect between waves of the COVID-19 pandemic

- **What is a pandemic wave?**
  - When the number of people with COVID-19 has dropped and the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 goes way down, this means we're no longer in a COVID-19 wave and the disease is no longer widely spreading in Philadelphia.
- **What happens when we are between pandemic waves?**
  - When the disease isn't spreading widely, it means that everyone's risk is lower.
    - The City's [COVID-19 Response Levels](#) allow us to relax our restrictions.
    - It is now safer to do many of the things we love. It's still not completely safe, and some people are still at a higher risk from COVID-19.
- **Does this mean the pandemic is over?!**
  - Not yet. We will still see more new variants (types) of COVID-19 and not enough people are vaccinated around the world, so it is possible we will see another wave and more people will get sick.
  - Unfortunately, it is impossible to predict when, and even if, another wave is coming.
- **How will we know when the pandemic is over?**
  - When the number of people getting sick from COVID-19 drops everywhere in the world, and many, many more people are able to be vaccinated, that is a sign that we might actually be past the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Should I do anything to prepare for the next COVID-19 variant?**
  - Yes!
    - Get up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations
      - Being vaccinated and getting a booster dose protects you from getting severely sick with COVID-19, being hospitalized, and death.
      - Getting yourself and the people around you vaccinated is one of the best things you can do.
    - Stock up on masks and COVID-19 tests
      - Remember how hard it was to get tests and masks early in the pandemic? Don't get caught like this again.
      - Get free N95s at <https://bit.ly/FreeN95s>
      - Get free COVID-19 tests at <https://www.covidtests.gov/>
    - Pay attention to what's going on with the pandemic
      - Follow the [Health Department on Twitter](#)
      - Sign up to receive text alerts: **Text COVIDPHL to 888-777**

#### COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

- **Where to find a COVID-19 vaccine:**
  - Call 3-1-1 or visit [phila.gov/vaccine](http://phila.gov/vaccine) or [vaccines.gov](http://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](http://www.COVIDtests.gov) to order your free at-home rapid COVID-19 test kits.
  - Call 3-1-1 or visit [phila.gov/testing](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://phila.gov/COVID), [facebook.com/phillyhealth](https://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](mailto:COVIDVax@phila.gov) or leave a message with the Public Health Preparedness Program Outreach Team at 215-429-3016.

**Be safe!**