

# Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

## Philadelphia Department of Public Health

### The Latest Numbers

- **Vaccine**
  - In Philadelphia, as of May 9, 2022:
    - 1,564,189 people ages 18 and up (95%) got at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
    - 1,281,221 people ages 18 and up (77.2%) are fully vaccinated.
      - 93.9% of people ages 12 and up and 36.1% of children 5 – 11 years old have received at least one dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
    - 438,452 people ages 18+ and up (34.2%) have received boosters since August 13, 2021.
- **COVID-19 Cases**
  - In the last 2 weeks, Philadelphia is averaging 261 new cases of COVID-19 per day and 9.4% of COVID-19 tests have come back positive.
- Find the newest information on the PDPH COVID-19 webpage at [phila.gov/COVID](https://phila.gov/COVID), PDPH [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

### The Latest News

- **Current COVID-19 Overall Risk Level**
  - Masks strongly recommended in indoor public settings.
  - Download a PDPH poster strongly recommending masks: <https://bit.ly/COVIDguidanceDocs>
- **PDPH COVID-19 Call Center has interpretation!**
  - Call 215-685-5488 for information on COVID-19 testing, guidance, vaccine and more
    - Press 2 for Spanish.
    - Press 3 for interpretation in your language.
- **The COVID Prevention and Response Fund**
  - Currently accepting donations to aid nonprofits and individuals that are supporting their community through the pandemic: <https://bit.ly/ActionFund2022>

### The Latest Events

- **June is Immigrant Heritage Month**
  - An annual national celebration. Join the Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA), as they share stories of the crucial ways that diverse communities enrich our society, and join a growing coalition across the country proclaiming that it's time to #CelebrateImmigrants.
  - Register to include your event on OIAs calendar and promotional materials: <https://bit.ly/IHM2022>
- **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!

### COVID-19 Resources and Services

- **Where to find a COVID-19 vaccine:**
  - Call 3-1-1 or visit [phila.gov/vaccine](https://phila.gov/vaccine) or [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov) to find a vaccine clinic near you.
    - For interpretation, call 3-1-1, press #5 and say your language.
    - Visit <https://bit.ly/KnowB4Ugo> for updates on transportation, access and functional needs resources, and up-to-date access descriptions of City-run clinics.
  - Sign Up 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/inhomevaccineph>
  - Call 311 or 215-685-5488 (Press 5 for interpretation services. Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance).
- **Stock up on FREE N95 masks**
  - Visit <https://bit.ly/FreeN95s> for free masks from the Strategic National Stockpile
- **Stock up on home tests**
  - How to get FREE home tests even if you do not have insurance:
    - Each household can place 2 orders of 4 free tests, for 8 tests total.
      - Order at: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>
    - Pick up Free tests at a **COVID-19 Resource Hub or distribution event** run by the Health Department: <https://bit.ly/COVIDhomeTest>
      - No insurance or ID is required.
      - Everyone is eligible to receive 1 at-home test kit
      - PDPH staff is available on-site to provide instructions on how to use the test, isolation/quarantine guidance, and answer any questions
  - How to get home tests paid for if you do have insurance:
    - Health insurance companies are required to reimburse 8 at-home tests per month for each person enrolled in the plan and will reimburse up to \$12 per individual test.
    - Submit receipts for tests that you've purchased to your health plan, along with any other necessary documentation required by the health plan.
    - Detailed information here: <https://go.cms.gov/3Lqo0Yk>
- **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.

#### FAQ on How to Stay Safe from COVID-19 During an Event

- **Why should I worry about COVID-19 safety during events?**
  - Any crowded indoor space will include at least some people who are infected with COVID-19.
- **What kind of events should I be concerned about?**
  - Any event where many people are indoors together, such as prom, weddings, graduations, family get togethers, etc.
- **What should I think about before an event?**
  - Test before you attend any in-person event. This will lower the risk of COVID-19 for everyone involved.
  - If you have been exposed to COVID-19, you can still pass the virus on to other people even if you are vaccinated and boosted. Keep your mask on if you must attend and consider not attending or attending remotely to protect the people around you from getting COVID-19 from you.
- **What should I think about during an event?**
  - Outdoor events are much safer than indoor events.

- If the event has food, eat outside as much as possible.
- When inside, cut down the amount of time your mask is off to eat, drink or take pictures.
- Think about your risk level and the risk to people around you.
- Wear a high-quality mask or double masks, whenever possible.
- **What should I think about after an event?**
  - If you have recently attended a large indoor event, you should test yourself 3-5 days after the event and avoid people who are at higher risk until you have tested negative.
  - If you test positive for COVID-19, call your healthcare provider to ask about treatment.
    - Medications like Paxlovid can reduce hospitalizations due to COVID-19 by up to 90 percent

#### More Information

- Call 215-685-5488 (Press 3 for interpretation. Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance.)
- **Frequently asked questions on all 3 vaccines:**
  - From PDPH: <https://bit.ly/COVIDvaxFAQ-PDPH> (English)
  - From the CDC: <https://bit.ly/COVIDvaxFAQ-CDC> (English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and more)

#### How to Stay Connected

- **Philadelphia Coronavirus Helpline**
  - Call 800-722-7112, press #9 for interpretation. **Open 24/7!**
  - Talk to a medical professional about COVID-19 symptoms, exposure, vaccine, tests, Etc.
- **Updates from PDPH**
  - Text COVIDPHL to 888-777 and get updates on your phone
  - Find the latest information at [phila.gov/COVID](https://phila.gov/COVID), [facebook.com/phillyhealth](https://facebook.com/phillyhealth) and [twitter@PHLPublicHealth](https://twitter@PHLPublicHealth)
- **Join the Community Response Partner Network**
  - This newsletter is sent to the [Community Response Partner Network](#), part of the PDPH Public Health Preparedness Program.
  - 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)
  - Leave a message with the Public Health Preparedness Program Outreach Team at 215-429-3016.

Be safe!