

Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH)

MONTHLY MPOX UPDATE

LATEST NUMBERS

- As of November 30, 2022:
 - 546 total Mpx cases (confirmed + presumed)
 - Information on criteria for presumed cases available [here](#).
 - 7,023 doses and 3,274 second doses have been administered.
 - Information on the federal management of Mpx vaccine delivery available [here](#).
- Data on Mpx cases and vaccine distribution, with demographic characteristics, are updated [here](#).
 - The Health Department, as part of its goal to be as transparent as possible, is one of the first jurisdictions in the country to report demographics on both people who have mpx and vaccine recipients.
 - More detail on this dashboard is available at: <https://bit.ly/MPXDash>

LATEST NEWS

- **Mpx is the new name for the mpx disease.**
 - The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended the use of mpx when referencing the mpx disease.
 - Both mpx and mpx will be used for 1 year while mpx is being phased in.
 - The aim of this change is to mitigate racist and stigmatizing language that has impacted people most vulnerable to the disease.
 - The change involved consultation with experts, jurisdictions, and the general public.
 - Read the WHO press release [here](#).
 - PDPH mpx materials and communications are being updated to reflect this change.
- **Walk up Mpx Vaccine Clinics**
 - Mpx vaccines are now available through a network of health centers, community providers, and pharmacies.
 - To learn more, find a walkup vaccine, or make an appointment, call the Health Department at (215) 685-5488 or learn more [here](#)
- **Rite Aid is offering mpx vaccine by appointment and as walk-ups.**
 - The following Rite Aid locations will now offer the vaccine:
 - 3200-92 Red Lion Road | 19114 | (215) 637-1200
 - 10 Snyder Avenue | Philadelphia, PA 19148 | (215) 465-3270
 - 2017-2023 S Broad Street | Philadelphia, PA 19148 | (215) 627-3151
 - 801 S 9 Street | Philadelphia, PA | 19147 | (215) 925-4481
 - 810 S Broad Street | Philadelphia, PA | 19146 | (215) 985-0113
 - 704-720 East Passyunk Avenue | Philadelphia, PA | 19147 | (215) 627-3151
 - 2121 W Lehigh Avenue | Philadelphia, PA | 19132 | (215) 226-6479
 - 136 N 63 Street | Philadelphia, PA | 19139 | (215) 472-7820
 - 3260 N Broad Street | Philadelphia, PA | 19140 | (215) 225-9704
 - 6515 Castor Avenue | Philadelphia, PA | 19149 | (215) 535-2800
 - For more information visit: <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/scheduler>, or call to ask about hours.
- **Bring the Mpx Vaccine to You**
 - If you have an event coming up, PDPH can host an information table and sign eligible people up for mpx vaccine appointments.

- Email at publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov to discuss.

LATEST IN-PERSON PDPH OUTREACH

- The next meeting of the Community Advisory Group is Monday, December 21, 2022 at 4:00pm.
- PDPH and AACO will table at the first flag raising event at World AIDS Day on December 1, 2022.
- PDPH will table at the Independence Business Alliance holiday party on December 20, 2022.
- First Friday vaccine clinics will be held at Level Up hosted by Bebashi and Mazzoni.
- The PDPH outreach team is canvassing venues in the coming weeks with information on Mpox testing, vaccine, and relevant information.
- The Ballroom Outreach Working Group met to review a survey of the ballroom community to learn about needs related to overall health and wellness, including sexual health and to discuss survey distribution.

CURRENT VACCINATION AND CONTAINMENT RESOURCES

- **Reach out and connect**
 - Reach out to friends and contacts to get the emotional and logistical support you need to deal with this virus.
 - Visit www.healthymindsphilly.org, for ideas, screenings, trainings, resources, and more to support your well-being while dealing with this virus.
- **Call the PDPH Center at 215-685-5488 for any possible or known exposure to Mpox**
 - The call center will ask questions to determine risk of exposure and eligibility to be vaccinated.
 - The call center can make appointments for eligible residents to get a Mpox vaccine and provide guidance on quarantine, isolation, and safety following exposure.
- **FREE Lyft rides**
 - You can schedule a free Lyft ride to and from any Mpox vaccine appointment in the City of Philadelphia, by calling 215-685-5488.

LATEST GUIDANCE MATERIALS

- **Find the latest flyers, brochures, and other educational materials [here](#) and [here](#).**
 - Translated materials available.
 - For free printed copies, please contact Rainy.Paulino@phila.gov.
- **Recording of the PDPH Mpox information available [here](#).**
 - Info session was held on Wednesday, September 7 and covered the following topics:
 - Overview of Mpox, Signs and Symptoms, What to do if you're sick, Treatment, Harm Reduction, Vaccine and Resources.
- **The latest from the CDC**
 - Visit the CDC [Mpox Webpage](#) for the latest updates on guidance and considerations for healthcare and service providers.
 - The CDC published [this new resource](#) on reducing stigma in communication and community engagement for the Mpox response and more.
- **The latest from PDPH**
 - Visit the City's Mpox site: <https://www.phila.gov/monkeypox>
 - Find the latest updates, information on vaccine and testing and the data dashboard.
 - This blog has the most comprehensive information on the Mpox virus and the public health response in Philadelphia.
 - Includes frequently asked questions in Spanish and English.



LATEST ADVOCACY EFFORTS FOR AN EQUITABLE RESPONSE

• Local partners able to expand the Mpox Response

- More than half of those diagnosed with mpox have reported their race as Black, while only 27% of vaccine doses have been administered to Black Philadelphians.
- PDPH has awarded funding to 8 local partners.
 - Build an equitable and accessible mpox vaccination network across the city of Philadelphia that serves people who are at high risk for infection, particularly persons in under-vaccinated demographic groups.
 - Create vaccine access points in geographic areas and for communities that are at high risk for mpox from under-vaccinated demographic groups.
 - Direct mpox vaccination outreach to Philadelphia residents who are at high risk for mpox but may be harder to reach.
- More information available [here](#).
- To decrease barriers to vaccine access, PDPH has:
 - Expanded vaccine eligibility to include anyone who thinks they are at risk.
 - Opened walk-up clinics. See the attached flyer for more details.
 - Publicly promoted vaccine being available at select Rite Aid pharmacy locations.
- PDPH is attending relevant in-person and virtual events to offer current information.
 - If you are interested in PDPH attending your event, please email us at publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov to discuss.
- PDPH meets monthly with the community advisory group. The meeting is to hear concerns, ask questions and collaborate with community members and leaders to respond to the outbreak.
 - The Health Department is working to build relationships with organizations and businesses that serve persons at high-risk for mpox, that would like to collaborate with PDPH to host vaccination clinics and/or expand outreach efforts.
 - Please reach out if you would like to connect or offer suggestions: publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov

STAY CONNECTED

- Please contact us with feedback and suggestions for topics you would find useful in this weekly newsletter or how we can better reach communities at risk of exposure to Mpox.
- This newsletter is produced by the Public Health Preparedness Program. To sign up, unsubscribe, or comment, email publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov.

Be safe,
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