

Weekly Public Health Preparedness Outreach Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

THANK YOU!

We wanted to personally thank you for your continued commitment to the health and well-being of Philadelphians.

We value you, our partners! You inspire us with all the great work you accomplished within your communities this year.

We appreciate the relationships we have fostered with you, and we are excited to continue our partnerships into the new year as we expand our community engagement efforts.

In 2022, we have the opportunity to innovate how we work with communities to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies, such as extreme heat and respiratory illnesses like COVID-19, seasonal flu, and RSV.

We held virtual and in-person workshops, training sessions, and resource tables. We have also brought vital information to our neighbors' homes through canvassing efforts with the help of Medical Reserve Corps volunteers.

We want to extend our thanks for the connections that have allowed us to attend town hall meetings, engage with local block captains, and further our relationships with Philadelphians as the Department of Public Health. All of that could not have been possible without your participation in the Community Response Partner Network.

COVID-19: RESOURCES AND SERVICES

- **Where to find a COVID-19 vaccine, including booster doses:**
 - 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 #2 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.
 - Options for COVID-19 vaccines for uninsured residents include:
 - Free vaccine at City health centers and pop-up clinics, for insured and uninsured residents. No ID is required at these locations.
 - Other sites, like pharmacies, may bill your insurance company or charge you a direct fee. Call these sites before you go to find out about their policies.
 - More information available at: www.phila.gov/vaccine and bit.ly/COVIDvaxFAQ-PDPH
- **Free COVID Testing Kits Available for Distribution by CBOs**
 - Free COVID-19 test kits are available community-based organizations serving clients and patrons in areas of high COVID-19 risk.
 - Request your free test kits here: <https://bit.ly/CBOtestDistro>
- **What to do if you lost your 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 cards.
- **Stock up on FREE N95 masks**
 - Visit <https://bit.ly/FreeN95s> for free masks from the Strategic National Stockpile.
- **Stock up on home tests**
 - 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.
 - For more information, visit: <https://go.cms.gov/3Lqo0Yk>
 - Includes information on how to get tests if you don't have insurance or if you cannot afford to pay for your test up front.



MPOX: RESOURCES AND SERVICES

- People who are concerned that they've been exposed, or believe they are at high risk of being exposed to mpox, should call the PDPH Call Center at 215-685-5488.
- Find the latest information on cases, vaccine and guidance at: <https://bit.ly/MPXDashboard>.
- If you would like to receive the monthly mpox newsletter update, email: publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov.

PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY RESOURCES

- **Sign up for Ready Philadelphia**
 - To receive free text alerts to your phone on emergencies or severe weather, text "ReadyPhila" to 888-777.
 - Be the first to know, then spread the word to family and neighbors.
- **Text-to-911 in Philadelphia:** <https://bit.ly/PATextTo911>
 - Individuals who are Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, and those who face communication barriers can use this service to send a text message to 911.

MORE INFORMATION

- **PDPH COVID-19 website and social media**
 - Information on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, vaccines and testing resources: phila.gov/COVID, facebook.com/phillyhealth and twitter@PHLPublicHealth.
- **PDPH Seasonal Flu website**
 - Information on the seasonal flu and how to get vaccinated: <https://bit.ly/FluPHL>
- **PDPH Mpox website**
 - Formation on the latest updates, information on vaccine and testing and the data dashboard: <https://www.phila.gov/monkeypox>
- **PDPH Call Center**
 - Call 215-685-5488, Press 3 for interpretation in your language, press 2 for Spanish. Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance.

HOW TO STAY CONNECTED

- **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 publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov
 - Leave a message with the Public Health Preparedness Program Outreach Team at 215-429-3016.