

Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH)

WEEKLY MPOX UPDATE

LATEST NUMBERS

- As of December 25, 2023:
 - 552 total Mpox cases (confirmed + presumed)
 - 7,392 doses and 3,766 second doses have been administered.
- Data on Mpox cases and vaccine distribution, with demographic characteristics, are updated [here](#), every 2 weeks on Wednesday.
 - 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 monkeypox and vaccine recipients.
 - More detail on this dashboard is available at: <https://bit.ly/MPXDash>

LATEST NEWS

- The public health emergency for mpox ends
 - On December 22, 2022, the US Department of Health and Human Services announced the public health emergency declaration for mpox will not be renewed and will officially end on January 31, 2023.
 - Read the full statement at: <https://bit.ly/HHSmpox>
- Get free HIV tests
 - Find a provider near you or get an HIV test kit discretely mailed to your address.
 - More information at: <https://phillykeeponloving.com/hiv-testing/>
- Anyone at risk can get an mpox vaccine
 - On November 4, 2022, PDPH issued a [health update](#) stating any patient who feels they are at risk for coming into contact with mpox can now be vaccinated.
 - They do not need to meet any further eligibility criteria.
 - Read the PDPH blog post [here](#).
- Walk up mpox vaccine clinics
 - Mpox vaccines are now available through a network of health centers, community providers, and pharmacies.
 - To learn more, find a walk-up vaccine or to make an appointment, call the health department at (215) 685-5488 or learn more [here](#).
- Rite Aid is offering mpox vaccine by appointment and as walk-ups.
 - The following Rite Aid locations will now offer the vaccine:
 - 3200-92 Red Lion Road | Philadelphia, PA 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.

LATEST 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 Monkeypox**
 - 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 Monkeypox vaccine and provide guidance on quarantine, isolation, and safety following exposure.
 - Up to Date Guidance Material

LATEST GUIDANCE MATERIALS

- **The latest from the CDC**
 - Visit the CDC [Monkeypox 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 Monkeypox response and more.
- **The latest from PDPH**
 - Visit the City's Monkeypox 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

- 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 has awarded funding to 8 local partners.
 - Build an equitable and accessible monkeypox 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 monkeypox from under-vaccinated demographic groups.
 - Direct monkeypox vaccination outreach to Philadelphia residents who are at high risk for monkeypox but may be harder to reach.
 - More information available [here](#).
- 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.

LATEST IN-PERSON PDPH OUTREACH

- The next meeting of the Community Advisory Group is Monday, February 15 at 4:00 pm.
- First Friday vaccine clinics continue to be held at Level Up hosted by Bebashi and Mazzoni.
- The Ballroom Outreach Working Group continues to meet.

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 Monkeypox.
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