



## Disability Health Committee Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Dear Colleague,

We wanted to share the below updates with you about COVID-19 vaccination opportunities and new disability-specific resources available through the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH).

**Testing Kits for Distribution by CBOs-** The Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) has procured a supply of at-home COVID-19 test kits and will be offering these tests to community-based organizations (CBOs) serving clients and patrons in areas of high COVID-19 risk. Prior to completing this request form, please ensure that you have read through the program information sheet and agreed to the following set of requirements.

[https://phlpublichealth.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eewZACG10fvFGd0](https://phlpublichealth.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eewZACG10fvFGd0)

**PDPH Information Session-** Join to learn more about COVID guidance in Philadelphia. We'll be discussing pediatric vaccinations and updated guidance for K-12 schools. **Thursday 2/17/22** at 11:00am via Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2916444323878/WN\\_XV-4CSuWQ4qj0peEk3SH1A](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2916444323878/WN_XV-4CSuWQ4qj0peEk3SH1A)

**Free Testing for Medicare Participants-** As part of the Biden-Harris Administration's ongoing efforts to expand Americans' access to free testing, people in either Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage will be able to get over-the-counter COVID-19 tests at no cost starting in early spring. Under the new initiative, Medicare beneficiaries will be able to access up to eight over-the-counter COVID-19 tests per month for free. Tests will be available through eligible pharmacies and other participating entities. This policy will apply to COVID-19 over-the-counter tests approved or authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/news-alert/biden-harris-administration-will-cover-free-over-counter-covid-19-tests-through-medicare>

**Administration for Community Living Resource Page-** ACL has compiled a list of information and guidance on booster shots, doses for people who are immunocompromised, and vaccination resources for the aging and disability networks.

<https://acl.gov/news-and-events/announcements/vaccine-cheat-sheet-and-more-covid-19-resources>



**Disability Health Committee Public Forum**- Monday, 3/7/22 at 11am-12pm via Zoom  
Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) and the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities invites you to join us for a conversation around Covid-19 and the disability community. ASL and Closed Captioning will be provided. For additional ADA accommodations please email Claudia Tasco at Claudia. [Tasco@phila.gov](mailto:Tasco@phila.gov) or call 215-686-2798 by February 25, 2022. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/Mar7Forum>. This is a public forum—please share the attached flyer with your network.

**Know Before You Go Blog Updates**- This post includes access considerations, such as transportation and Access and Functional Needs resources, as well as an up-to-date description of City-run clinics. Philadelphia's regularly updated access blog can be found here: <https://bit.ly/KnowB4Ugo>

Best,

**Philadelphia Department of Public Health**