

Philadelphia Biweekly PHP Outreach Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Updates from the Public Health Preparedness Program

- [Special edition Winter Newsletter now available!](#)
- Get Public Health Preparedness information for the cold season in 12 languages:
 - Amharic, Arabic, English, French, Haitian Creole, Indonesian, Khmer, Portuguese, Russian, Simplified Chinese, Spanish, Swahili, and Vietnamese
- Learn about how to prepare yourself, your loved ones and your home for more severe weather. Includes information on:
 - Emergency Kits and the Health Information Card
 - Mental Health resources
 - Utility Assistance
 - Seasonal Flu and COVID-19 and more
- Request free printed copies at www.bit.ly/PHPMaterials or leave a message at 215-429-3016

The Public Health Preparedness Program is expanding! Join our team!

- Evidence suggests, those from marginalized groups often only apply to jobs if they meet all the qualifications. However, perfect candidates don't exist!
 - You are encouraged to apply if a job description interests you and the sum of your professional and academic experience overcome the absence of some of the education or experience preferences highlighted in the job descriptions.
- **Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist**
 - Support outreach and engagement efforts for the Public Health Preparedness program. Activities include
 - Planning and delivering public health preparedness trainings to the public and service provider agencies.
 - Building collaborative and sustainable relationships with a diverse set of partners throughout the City.
 - This position will involve field work, with in-person support at community events, health fairs, and response activities.
 - For more information and to apply, visit: <https://bit.ly/EngagementSpecialistPHP>
- **Health Equity Advisor**
 - Support the work of the Health Equity Program Manager in executing initiatives within the Division of Disease Control and specifically focus on ensuring that Public Health Preparedness Program interventions maintain a focus on equitable access to emergency information and services in priority areas and with priority populations.
 - Advise the Program on diversity, equity and inclusion both as it relates to structural contexts impacting disparity and local dynamics impacting community preparedness and resilience.
 - Develop mechanisms for internal and external evaluation of equity initiatives within the Program and serve on program and division level health justice and racial equity workgroups.
 - For more information and to apply, visit: <https://bit.ly/EquityAdvisorPHP>
- **Training Specialist**
 - Support the Public Health Preparedness Program's Training and Exercise Program and the Training Coordinator.

- Plan trainings and exercises to support local public health preparedness capabilities and support the management of the Improvement Planning Database to track progress.
- Manage training logistics and support the development, organization, and scheduling of the training curriculum.
- Assist in developing After-Action Reports and Improvement Plans for exercises and related events.
- For more information and to apply, visit: <https://bit.ly/TrainingSpecialistPHP>
- **Division Community Engagement Manager**
 - Lead outreach and engagement for the PDPH Division of Disease Control.
 - The division includes 10 programs, as well as fiscal, administrative, and policy units. Programs include: Immunizations, Acute Communicable Disease, Public Health Preparedness, STD Control, Healthcare Associated Infections/Antibiotic Resistance, COVID-19 Containment, Tuberculosis, Viral Hepatitis, Epidemiology and Informatics, and Health Center #1 (the City's dedicated walk-in clinic for STI testing and treatment).
 - The Community Engagement Manager will work with these programs and external partners to build collaborative, sustainable relationships that enhance and expand community engagement initiatives and build capacity for rapid information sharing and community mobilization during public health emergencies.
 - Experience: 5 years of experience conducting community-based outreach and engagement, health education, and/or partnership building activities in a public health or health services setting.
 - Education Requirement: Bachelor's degree in public health or related field preferred.
 - View the full job description and application information at: <https://bit.ly/DDCengagementManager>

COVID-19: Resources and Services

- **Where to find COVID-19 vaccine, including booster doses:**
 - Call 215-685-5488 or visit vaccines.gov to find a vaccine clinic near you.
 - More information on booster doses available at <https://bit.ly/UpdatedBoosterPHL>
 - 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 to see if they are eligible to be vaccinated.
- Find the latest information on cases and vaccine at <https://bit.ly/MPXDashboard>.
- If you would like to receive the monthly mpox newsletter update, email publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov.

Public Health Preparedness: Resources and Services

- **Sign up for Ready Philadelphia**
 - To receive free text alerts to your phone on emergencies or severe weather, text "ReadyPhila" to 888-7777.
 - 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 may find this service a more accessible means of interface with 911.

More Information

- **PDPH COVID-19 website and social media**
 - Latest information from PDPH : phila.gov/COVID, facebook.com/phillyhealth and twitter@PHLPublicHealth.
- **PDPH Call Center**
 - Call 215-685-5488. Press 3 for interpretation in your language, press 2 for Spanish. Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance.
- **Philadelphia Coronavirus Helpline**
 - Call 800-722-7112, Press 9 for interpretation.
 - Open 24/7!
 - Talk to a medical profession about COVID-19 symptoms, exposure, vaccine, tests, etc.
 - Get help making decisions about how to keep you, your loved ones and contacts safe from COVID-19.

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.

Be safe,
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