

Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH)

WEEKLY MPOX UPDATE

LATEST NUMBERS

- As of April 5, 2023:
 - 552 total Mpx cases (confirmed + presumed)
 - 7,564 doses and 3,996 second doses have been administered.
- Data on Mpx 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

- Mpx vaccine available for pride event organizers.
 - Partners who would like to offer mpx vaccine at Pride events can contact the Philadelphia Department of Public Health to be matched with a provider.
 - Email us at publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov
- The CDC states mpx cases decline, but many at risk did not complete their vaccine series.
 - Although the daily average for [Mpx cases](#) in March of this year was at 1 case per day (down from a peak of 400), vaccination for persons at risk for mpx is still recommended.
 - Despite administration of around 1 million vaccine doses, [only 23% of those who received their first doses](#) have received a second to complete the series.
 - More information [here](#).
- The Philadelphia Department of Public Health renames its Mpx Community Advisory Group (CAG) to the LGBTQ CAG.
 - In response to the mpx outbreak, PDPH formed a LGBTQ Community Advisory Group consisting of community stakeholders and leaders.
 - The group will meet quarterly, with the next scheduled meeting on April 19.
 - More information below.
- 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 mpx vaccine
 - On November 4, 2022, PDPH issued a [health update](#) stating any patient who feels they are at risk for coming into contact with mpx can now be vaccinated.
 - They do not need to meet any further eligibility criteria.
 - Read the PDPH blog post [here](#).
- 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 walk-up vaccine or to 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 | 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 IN-PERSON PDPH OUTREACH

- The Ballroom Outreach Working Group continues to meet.
- Health Department renames its Mpox Community Advisory Group (CAG) to the LGBTQ CAG.
 - In response to the mpox outbreak, PDPH formed a LGBTQ Community Advisory Group consisting of community stakeholders and leaders.
 - Their inputs were invaluable as the health department strategized and responded to contain the mpox outbreak. There was strong interest on both the part of the CAG and PDPH leadership to continue the CAG to inform programs and interventions addressing LGBTQ community health disparities and barriers to equitable, inclusive healthcare.
 - The group will meet quarterly, with next scheduled meeting on April 19.
 - If you are interested in learning more about the CAG, please contact Terri Clark, Outreach Supervisor, Terri.Clark@phila.gov or Rachel Giatras, Program Manager, Rachel.Giatras@phila.gov

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.

LATEST GUIDANCE MATERIALS

- **The latest from the CDC**
 - A vaccine equity toolkit is available [here](#).
 - Visit the CDC [mpox webpage](#) for the latest updates on guidance and considerations for healthcare and service providers.
- **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.
 - Includes frequently asked questions in Spanish and English.

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- 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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