

## Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

### Philadelphia Department of Public Health

#### The Latest Numbers

- 186,065 1st doses and 92,011 2nd doses have been administered as of February 24, 2021.
- 108 public and private sites currently offer vaccine in the City of Philadelphia.
- Updates with the latest information are available on the [Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#) and the [Weekly Vaccine Distribution Update](#).

#### Latest Vaccine News

- PDPH started community vaccine clinics on Monday, February 22, 2021 and will operate vaccination sites for the city's most vulnerable at 6 locations across the city every week.
- FEMA announced it will run a mass vaccination site with support from PDPH to vaccinate up to 6,000 people per day and plans to open as early as March 3.
- FEMA will invite residents who have registered with PDPH's Vaccine Interest Form.
- CHOP launched the [School Personnel COVID-19 Vaccine Program](#) in partnership with PDPH and various Philadelphia school networks to immunize personnel at schools and early childhood education/daycare centers across Philadelphia.
- The [Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium](#) vaccinated 4,000 of the city's most at-risk residents and will continue to offer free COVID-19 testing and vaccination with support from PDPH.
- PDPH has an open [Request for Proposals](#) for community agencies and organizations to build programs able to administer COVID-19 vaccine to Philadelphia residents.

#### FAQ on COVID-19 Vaccine Access

- A complete FAQ is available [here](#).
- **Why can't everyone get the vaccine now?**
  - There is not enough vaccine for everyone yet. Philadelphia receives vaccine directly from the federal government. Currently, Philadelphia is only getting about 25,000 doses per week, so PDPH is inviting residents who are most at risk of COVID-19 to make an appointment.

## FAQ on COVID-19 Vaccine Access (continued)

- **How does PDPH decide who gets the vaccine?**
  - The COVID-19 vaccine is being given out in [a phase-based approach](#). Currently, vaccine is available for residents in Phases 1a (includes healthcare workers and nursing home residents) and 1b (essential workers and other vulnerable groups).
  - Phases are based on the person's risk of:
    - Getting the COVID-19 infection
    - Suffering severe consequences of the infection
    - Passing COVID-19 to vulnerable Philadelphia residents
  - PDPH has a [Racial Equity Plan](#).
- **How can I get on the list to make an appointment to get a vaccine?**
  - Register your interest to get the vaccine by filling out the [Vaccine Interest Form](#) (available in English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, and French), or **call 311** and a staff member can help you sign up (language line access is available).
- **I filled out the Vaccine Interest Form, now what?**
  - PDPH will contact you by email or phone to schedule an appointment as soon as it is your turn and we have a spot for you.
  - Everyone will be invited to make an appointment eventually. Please be patient as we try to reach the most vulnerable Philadelphia residents first.
- **Where can I get a COVID-19 vaccine?**
  - Invitations for appointments to get a vaccine are being offered at PDPH community vaccine clinic sites and mobile clinics, mass vaccination events, healthcare providers at private and public clinics, hospitals, and partnering pharmacies.

## How to Stay Connected

- Text COVIDPHL to 888-777 to receive updates to your phone.
- Questions or feedback? Email [COVIDVax@phila.gov](mailto:COVIDVax@phila.gov).
- **Is your community struggling to get information about COVID protection and vaccine?**
  - [Request a presentation or meeting](#) with a PDPH representative.
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