Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

- 1,356,958 people ages 18 and up (97.5%) got at least one dose of vaccine and 1,053,163 people (77.5%) ages 18 and up are fully vaccinated in Philadelphia, as of January 3, 2022.
  - 90.8% of people ages 12 and up and 24% of children 5 – 11 years old have received at least one dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
  - 229,775 people (18+) have received boosters since August 13, 2021.

Find the newest information on the PDPH COVID-19 webpage at phil.gov/COVID or on the Department’s Facebook and Twitter pages.

The Latest News

- **Been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and having some trouble getting a test? Here are some key things to know:**
  - If you are fully vaccinated and got a booster dose:
    - Make sure to wear a mask any time you are around others for 10 days.
    - Get tested on day 5.
  - If you are unvaccinated or have not received a booster dose:
    - You must quarantine and stay away from others for 5 days after you were exposed to someone with COVID-19.
      - Exposed means that you have been less than 6 feet from a person who has COVID or thinks they have COVID for 15 minutes or more.
  - If you show no symptoms at all, still wear a mask around others and get tested on day 5.
    - COVID-19 symptoms can include:
      - Fever or chills
      - Cough
      - Shortness of breath
      - Tiredness
      - Muscle or body aches
      - New loss of taste or smell
      - Sore throat
      - Nausea or vomiting
      - Diarrhea
    - For more information, please visit: https://bit.ly/3d3w6H7

Vaccine Mandate

- Starting January 3, 2022, it is required to show proof you are vaccinated to enter at all indoor restaurants, bars, and anywhere public people eat or drink in Philadelphia.
  - For the first two weeks of January, proof of a negative test will be allowed upon entry.

The Latest COVID-19 Vaccine Information

- People tend to get COVID during the holidays, so even if you don’t have symptoms now, know what to look for. Let’s protect each other!
  - Avoid crowds and indoor events. Wear two masks when you are indoors with a crowd.
• Wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer often.
• If you feel sick, stay home.
• Get vaccinated, get your booster, and help others get vaccinated.
• Get tested before you visit anyone who can’t be vaccinated, is sick, a senior, or under 5 years old. Get tested immediately if you feel sick and get tested 5 days after you think you have been exposed to COVID.

• Need a COVID-19 vaccine or booster?
  • Call 3-1-1 or visit phila.gov/vaccine or vaccines.gov to find a vaccine clinic near you.
    • For interpretation, call 3-1-1, press #5 and say your language
  • Vaccine is free, no insurance or ID required!

• Want to get tested for COVID-19?
  • Call 3-1-1 or visit phila.gov/testing to find a site near you (available in 6 languages)
  • Testing is FREE at most sites in Philadelphia
  • Access the testing schedule here: https://bit.ly/COVIDtestingevents

• New recommendations for the J&J COVID-19 vaccine:
  • If you got a J&J vaccine, it is now recommended you get a booster with Pfizer or Moderna. This is because 54 people out of the 17 million who got J&J experienced a rare blood clotting disorder.
  • J&J vaccine will still be available to people who can’t or do not want to get another type of COVID-19 vaccine.

• Lost 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.

• Have an upcoming public health event happening in your community?
  • Send us an email with a file of your event flyer at least two weeks in advance.
  • We will advertise your event on our social media!

Where to get more information
• Questions on all 3 vaccines from PDPH at https://bit.ly/COVIDvaxFAQ-PDPH (English) and from the CDC at https://bit.ly/COVIDvaxFAQ-CDC (English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and more)
• Disability Health Forum video with ASL interpretation: https://bit.ly/Nov2021DisabilityHealthForum
  • Includes current topics, FAQs and more. Current as of November 19, 2021
  • For future disability health announcements, contact liam.dougherty@phila.gov

How to stay connected
• Philadelphia Coronavirus Helpline
  • Have questions about symptoms and risk of the COVID-19 coronavirus? Call the 24/7 helpline to talk to a medical professional. CALL 800-722-7112
  • Text COVIDPHL to 888-777 and get updates on your phone and find the latest information at philagov/
    COVID, facebook.com/phillyhealth and twitter @PHLPublicHealth
  • This newsletter is sent to the Community Response Partner Network 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 COVIDVax@phila.gov

Be safe and Happy New Year!