

# Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

## Philadelphia Department of Public Health

### The Latest Numbers

- 468,553 total doses; 334,845 total FIRST doses and 133,708 total SECOND doses administered as of March 12, 2021.
- Updates with the latest information are available on the [Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#) and the [Weekly Vaccine Distribution Update](#).

### Latest Vaccine News

- **1 Year Anniversary of the Beginning of COVID-19 in Philadelphia**
  - On March 16, 2020, the City of Philadelphia announced its initial restrictions on all non-essential business activity and government services in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19.
  - The last year has been unlike any we have experienced in our lifetime.
  - You can join one of the many [activities planned for Tuesday, March 16](#) or share your own memories, lessons learned, and words of encouragement on social media using the hashtag #PhillyReflects.
- **Everyone 65 and older are now eligible for vaccine in Philadelphia!**
  - You can register on the [City's Vaccine Interest form](#), or by dialing 3-1-1 to be notified to set an appointment at a City-run or partner clinic.
  - More information is available [here](#).
- **New Grant Opportunity for Philadelphia Hospitality Businesses**
  - The Pennsylvania COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP) is the new \$145 million statewide fund created by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to support businesses in the hospitality industry severely impacted by the pandemic.
  - Philadelphia County is receiving over \$17 million in funding to provide grants to eligible businesses through this program.
  - Grants are available to eligible businesses in the range from \$5,000 – \$50,000.
  - Learn more [here](#), including when and how to apply.
- **Want to help your community with COVID vaccination?**
  - Philly Counts Launches Multilingual COVID-19 Vaccine Champion Training Program: Vaccine Champions will be trained to answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and promote vaccination within their communities with trainings beginning March 18, 2021.
  - More information is available [here](#).

## FAQ: New CDC Guidance Those Who are Vaccinated

- **I got my 1st vaccine shot! Does that mean I am fully vaccinated?**
  - Unfortunately, no. you are only fully vaccinated:
    - 2 weeks after the second dose in a 2-dose series, like the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
    - 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, like Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.
  - If it has been less than 2 weeks since your shot, or if you still need to get your second dose, you are NOT fully protected. Keep taking all prevention steps until you are fully vaccinated.
  - More information is available [here](#).
- **What can I do differently if I am fully vaccinated?**
  - Gather indoors only with a few other people who are also fully vaccinated
  - You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household (for example, visiting with relatives who all live together) without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
  - If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms. If you are in a congregate setting like a shelter or group home, you should still stay away from others for 14 days and get tested, even if you don't have symptoms.
- **What safety precautions stay the same if I am fully vaccinated?**
  - Avoid medium-sized and large gatherings.
  - Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19.
  - Wear a mask and social distance.
- **I still need a vaccine! What should I do?**
  - Register to get a vaccine by filling out the [Vaccine Interest Form](#) or by calling 3-1-1.

## 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.
- This newsletter is distributed to the [Community Response Partner Network](#). Sign up to receive this and other essential information, then pass it on to your family, friends and community.