

Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

- 338,026 people have been fully vaccinated and 568,747 people have received at least one dose of vaccine in Philadelphia as of April 7, 2021.
- Updates with the latest information are available on the [Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#) and the [Weekly Vaccine Distribution Update](#).

Latest Vaccine News

- **Philadelphia entered Phase 1C!** Priority groups are eligible first and more groups were added.
 - **Priority groups eligible starting April 5, 2021:** sanitation workers, maintenance and janitorial staff, utility workers, and postal and package delivery workers.
 - **Phase 1c fully opens starting April 12, 2021.** New groups eligible in 1c include people receiving home and community-based services as defined by the PA Dept. of Human Services, landscaping workers, government workers, elections workers, social services workers, and unpaid caregivers of medically vulnerable people.
 - A complete list of eligibility for all phases can be found [here](#).
- Philadelphia will enter **Phase 2 on Monday, April 19.**
 - In Phase 2, every Philadelphian over age 16 will be eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine.
 - However, not everyone who is eligible will be able to get vaccinated right away due to limited supply of vaccine.
 - In light of the ongoing high case counts, the Health Department **strongly recommends everyone over the age of 65 get vaccinated as quickly as possible.**
 - More information is available [here](#).
- The [COVID-19 Prevention & Response Fund](#) is a community-led effort to invest in neighborhood-based solutions to urgent needs related to COVID-19, such as vaccine access.
 - Applications open from April 8 – 22, or as soon as funds are exhausted and are available in Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese and Russian in addition to English.
 - This is a rapidly deploying, low barrier grant for individuals, businesses and community based organizations, most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

Still Unsure About Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine?

- PDPH strongly recommends getting vaccinated.
 - Being fully vaccinated significantly decreases the chance of you getting COVID-19 and may decrease your risk of spreading COVID-19 to others.
 - COVID-19 can cause serious illness and death. If you do not get vaccinated, you put not only yourself at risk, but those you love or care about.
 - Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is a safer choice.
- Review Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
 - FAQ on Pfizer and Moderna available [here](#) in multiple languages (English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian, French and Korean) from PDPH.
 - FAQ on all 3 vaccines available [here](#) in English from PDPH and [here](#) from the CDC in multiple languages (English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, etc.).
 - For information in Spanish, visit [CDC in Spanish](#).
- Request a presentation or meeting for your community group
 - A PDPH representative can hold a virtual listening session, presentation or Q&A to answer your community's questions and concerns about the vaccine
 - Request form available [here](#).

How to Get a Vaccine through PDPH

- **Vaccine Registration Station Pop-Ups:** Events will sign you up for a vaccine appointment directly, but you will not get a shot at these events.
 - Thursday, April 8 and Thursday, April 15
 - Feast of Justice, 3101 Tyson Avenue (19149)
 - [Event Flyer](#) (English and Chinese)
 - Friday, April 9 and Friday, April 16
 - St. Benedict, 1940 E. Cheltenham Avenue (19138)
 - [Event Flyer](#) (English)
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Interest Forms:** These forms are not for registering for an appointment, but will tell PDPH how to contact you when you are eligible and vaccine is available for you.
 - 1) Individuals can register using the COVID-19 [Vaccine Interest Form](#), available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and French. Individuals who do not have access to the internet can contact Philly311 (dial 3-1-1) for help completing the interest form.
 - 2) Employers are encouraged to complete the [Workforce COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Form](#). Employers that complete this form will be contacted to help set up opportunities to vaccinate their prioritized staff when they are eligible and vaccine is available.
- **Walk-up Wednesdays at 3 Health Department Health Centers**
 - Clinics are open to Philadelphia residents over age 65. Hours are 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and will be able to vaccinate 50 people each per day using the Johnson & Johnson single-dose COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Health Center 3 Annex, 4219 Chester Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104
 - Berks Street Annex (Health Center 5), 2001 West Berks Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121
 - Health Center 10, East Side Courtyard entrance, 2230 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19149

How to Get to Your COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment

- Vaccine sites are accessible by SEPTA public transit. [This web-based map](#) shows all transit routes to City-run community vaccine clinics and this [static map](#) shows frequent routes to the sites.
- SEPTA continues to promote safe and healthy travel during the pandemic. Masks are required, and employee-ambassadors will reinforce this mandate and give out free masks as part of the Mask Force Philly program.
- For more information about using public transit to get to a community clinic, see [this flyer about transportation options](#).

How to Stay Connected

- Text COVIDPHL to 888-777 to receive updates to your phone.
- Questions or feedback? Email 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.