UPCOMING COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS:
Attached is a flyer containing a list of COVID-19 vaccination events scheduled to take place on 4/18 - 4/22.

The Latest Numbers
- In Philadelphia, as of April 12, 2022:
  - 1,550,955 people ages 18 and up (95%) got at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
  - 1,256,756 people ages 18 and up are fully vaccinated.
  - 93.6% of people ages 12 and up and 35.7% of children 5-11 years old have received at least one dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
  - 427,495 people ages 18 and up (32.6%) have received booster doses.
- Find the newest information on the PDPH COVID-19 webpage at phila.gov/COVID, PDPH Facebook and Twitter

The Latest News
- The City of Philadelphia moves to Level 2: Mask Precautions
  - On Monday, April 11, Philadelphia moved to Level 2: Mask Precautions.
- How to get home tests if you do not have insurance:
  - Each household can place 2 orders of 4 free tests, for 8 tests total. Order at https://www.covidtests.gov.
    - No insurance or ID is required.
    - Everyone is eligible to receive 1 at-home test kit.
    - PDPH staff is available on site to provide instructions on how to use the test, isolation and quarantine guidance, and answer any questions.
- How to get home tests paid for if you do not have insurance:
  - Health insurance companies are required to reimburse 8 at-home tests per month for each person enrolled in the plan and will reimburse up to $12 per individual test.
  - Submit receipts for tests that you have purchased to your health plan, along with any other necessary documentation that is required.
  - Detailed information here: https://go.cms.gov/3Lqo0Yk.
- Stock up on FREE N95 masks
  - Visit https://bit.ly/FreeN95s
- Register for the In-Home COVID-19 Vaccine Program
  - COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots for anyone over 12 years old who has had trouble getting their vaccine because of disability, health issues, transportation, language or other barriers.
    - Caregivers & family members in the home are eligible
  - Vaccine is free, no insurance or ID required.

FAQS on the Move to Level 2: Mask Precautions
- Why did the city move to Level 2: Mask Precautions?
• More people are getting COVID-19 in Philadelphia, so the City moved to COVID Response Level 2 on Monday, April 11, 2022, to try and prevent even more people from getting COVID and prevent the need for even more restrictions.

• **What does Level 2: Mask Precautions mean?**
  - Masks are required in indoor public places, so you must put a mask over your nose and mouth whenever you are inside a public place. There is no vaccine requirement for places that serve food or drink.
  - You can still go about your daily life; you just need to wear a mask while in indoor public spaces.

• **Why should I put my mask back on?**
  - Wearing a mask prevents you from passing COVID-19 to others, even if you feel fine.
    - The person next to you may be going through treatment for cancer, they may have a loved one at home or a disease that affects their immune system.
    - The person next to you may not be able to fight off the disease, they may get very sick or even die from the COVID-19 virus.
  - Wearing a mask prevents you from getting COVID-19.
    - The person next to you may have been exposed to COVID-19 and doesn’t know it, or they may have COVID-19 but don’t have symptoms.

• **What are COVID Response Levels?**
  - The COVID Response Levels are a series of measurement intended to openly connect the City’s response to the pandemic to what’s actually happening with COVID-19 in Philadelphia.
  - When the number of people with COVID goes up, the City will announce guidance to protect our communities.
  - When the number of people with COVID goes down and things become safer, the City will lift those measures.

• **Why is the city waiting a week to start this requirement?**
  - It takes time for information to get around and for businesses to prepare.
  - COVID-19 is spreading more than it was when we were in Level 1: All Clear, but it is not so fast that we need to move to Level 2: Mask Precautions immediately.

• **Do I need to wait until April 18th to wear a mask indoors?**
  - You can wear a mask indoors now and anytime you want. This is the safer choice.
  - We encourage everyone to do what they need to do to protect themselves and others.

• **What can we do to prevent us from moving to Level 3?**
  - Get vaccinated if you have not already and help the people in your life get vaccinated.
  - Get your booster dose if you are eligible.
    - A booster is an additional dose of vaccine that improves (boosts) your protection.
    - Currently, the following groups of people should get a booster dose:
      - First booster doses are available for anyone 12+ who got a 2nd dose of Pfizer at least 5 months ago, anyone 18+ who got a 2nd dose of Moderna at least 5 months ago, and anyone 18+ who got the J&J vaccine at least 2 months ago.
      - Second booster doses are available for anyone 50+ who got their 1st booster at least 4 months ago and anyone 12+ who is immunocompromised and got their 1st booster at least 4 months ago.
    - Booster doses are available anywhere COVID-19 vaccine is offered.

• **Where can I get more information?**
  - Call 311 or 215-685-5488 (Press #5 for interpretation. Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance.)
COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

Where to find a COVID-19 vaccine:
- Call 3-1-1 or visit phil.gov/vaccine or vaccines.gov to find a vaccine clinic near you.
- For interpretation, call 3-1-1, press #5 and say your language.
- Sign up for the In-Home COVID vaccine program
  - Call 311 or 215-685-5488 (Press 5 for interpretation services. Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance.)
- Vaccine is free, no insurance or ID required!

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.
- The CDC does not provide copies of COVID-19 vaccination card.

MORE INFORMATION
- Questions on all 3 vaccines from PDPH: https://bit.ly/COVIDvaxFAQ-PDPH (English) and from the CDC at https://bit.ly/COVIDvaxFAQ-CDC (English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and more)
- Get updates on transportation and access and functional needs resources, as well as an up-to-date access description of City-run clinics at https://bit.ly/KnowB4Ugo
- Disability Health Committee Public Forum – May 2, 2022 at 11am
  - Register at: https://bit.ly/0502Forum
  - Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) and the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities invites you to join us for a conversation focused on the intersection of disability and public health.
  - ASL and Closed Captioning will be provided.
  - For additional ADA accommodations please email Claudia.Tasco@phila.gov or call 215-686-2798 by April 22, 2022.
  - Includes current topics, FAQs and more. Current as of November 19, 2021
  - For future disability health announcements, contact liam.dougherty@phila.gov
- Have an upcoming public health event happening in your community?
  - Send us an email at COVIDVax@phila.gov with a file of your event flyer at least two weeks in advance and we will advertise your event on our social media!

How to Stay Connected
- Philadelphia Coronavirus Helpline - 800-722-7112, press #9 for interpretation. Open 24/7!
  - Talk to a medical professional about COVID-19 symptoms, exposure, vaccine, tests, Etc.
- Text COVIDPHL to 888-777 and get updates on your phone and find the latest information at phil.gov/Covid, facebook.com/phillyhealth and twitter
- This newsletter is sent to the Community Response Partner Network
  - To view an archive of past newsletters, please visit https://hip.phila.gov/newsletters/covid-19-vaccine-newsletter/.
  - 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 or leave a message with the Public Health Preparedness Program Outreach Team at 215-429-3016.

Be safe!