

Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

- 851,476 people got at least one dose of vaccine and 633,585 people are “fully vaccinated” in Philadelphia, as of May 17, 2021.
- The latest information is available on PDPH's [COVID-19 webpage](#) and social media ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)).

Latest COVID Vaccine News

- **12-15 year-olds can get vaccinated!**
 - Pfizer vaccine is now approved for anyone 12 years and older.
 - People can find which vaccine is being used at City-run sites and set up an appointment at [phila.gov/vaccine](#) or by calling 3-1-1.
 - Private, non-City vaccine clinics can be found at [vaccines.gov](#).
 - For more, check out the **Philly Teen Vaxx Project** on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [TikTok](#).

FAQ on the COVID-19 vaccine for 12-15 year-olds

- **Why should teenagers get vaccinated?**
 - A COVID-19 vaccination can help protect your child from getting COVID-19.
 - Vaccines may help teenagers from spreading COVID-19 to other and can also help keep your child from getting seriously sick even if they do get COVID-19.
- **How do we know the vaccine is safe for youth?**
 - A clinical research study showed this vaccine is safe for youth and gave them excellent protection against the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - The [U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) reviewed all the evidence and approved this vaccine for youth 12-15.
 - The research study included children who were Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latinx, Native American, and White.
- **Are there any side effects?**
 - Side effects that were most common were similar to the side effects that adults experienced. These side effects are a normal way that your body builds protection against the virus.
 - Side effects can include pain at the location of the injection, tiredness, headache, chills, muscle aches, and fever.
- **How well will the Pfizer vaccine protect children?**
 - The Pfizer vaccine actually gave youth 12-15 stronger protection than adults.
 - **Where can I get more information?**
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Program | Children's Hospital of Philadelphia \(chop.edu\)](#)
 - [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens | CDC](#)

How to Stay Connected

- Text COVIDPHL to 888-777 to receive updates to your phone and find the latest information at [phila.gov/COVID](#), [facebook.com/phillyhealth](#), and on [Twitter](#) (@PHLPublicHealth).
- Questions or suggestions? Email COVIDVax@phila.gov.
- This newsletter is sent to the [Community Response Partner Network](#) Sign up at <https://hip.phila.gov/EmergencyResponse/CommunityResponse> to get essential public health information, then pass it on to your family, friends, and community.