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.