

Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

- 920,227 people have received at least one dose and 721,014 people are fully vaccinated in Philadelphia as of June 7, 2021.
- The latest information is available on PDPH's [COVID-19 webpage](#) and social media ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)).

Latest COVID Vaccine News

- Homebound vaccination program launched!
 - PDPH has created a [Homebound Vaccination referral program](#).
 - This program is available for any individual who is homebound or for anyone who would have difficulties being vaccinated at a clinic due to a disability.
 - Residents interested in setting up a vaccine appointment at their home can:
 - Call 311 or 215-685-5488 (dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance).
 - Fill out this [form](#).
 - A provider will contact you to schedule an in-home vaccination appointment; it could take 1-2 weeks to get your appointment scheduled.
 - Healthcare organizations interested in helping to vaccinate people who are homebound should email vaccines@phila.gov.
- Find a vaccine clinic and set up your own appointment or just walk in!
 - Go to phila.gov/vaccine for more.
 - Last summer, we didn't have a vaccine, so to protect yourself and loved ones from COVID-19, you had to wear a mask.
 - This summer, as of June 11, 2021, once you are fully vaccinated, you are no longer required to wear a mask in most indoor settings. Masks are still required in:
 - Healthcare facilities
 - Congregate settings like shelters and adult day programs
 - Public transportation
 - Indoor schools, camps, and daycares
 - People who are not fully vaccinated should still wear masks indoors and outdoors. So, come get vaccinated!
 - You are fully vaccinated 2 weeks after your one dose of J&J vaccine or your 2nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

Why should I still get a vaccine if so many people got theirs? Am I protected by herd immunity?

- We have not reached herd immunity yet. Herd immunity happens when there are enough people protected from a virus, so that no one is passing on the virus and new infections stop.
- Unfortunately, because the COVID-19 virus is new, experts are still learning how many people have to be vaccinated before everyone in the population is considered protected.
 - COVID-19 vaccines do not give you permanent protection. Experts are still learning how long COVID-19 vaccines protect you from getting the virus or passing it to other people.
 - Experts are also still learning how well the vaccines are at protecting against new (types) variants of the virus that cause COVID-19.
- In Philadelphia, we are still in a stage of "high risk of community transmission." This means it is still possible to get COVID-19 and to pass it on to others.

Why should I still get a vaccine if so many people got theirs? *(continued)*

- Getting the COVID-19 vaccine protects you from getting COVID-19 and can protect you from passing it on to other people who can get very sick from the disease.
- Getting a vaccine is the safer choice.

Where to get more information about the COVID-19 vaccines:

- Questions on Pfizer and Moderna from PDPH in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian, French and Korean available at: <https://bit.ly/2doseFAQ-PDPH>.
- Questions on all 3 vaccines from PDPH at <https://bit.ly/COVIDvaxFAQ-PDPH> (English) and from the CDC at <https://bit.ly/COVIDvaxFAQ-CDC> (English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and more).

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](https://twitter.com/PHLPublicHealth) (@PHLPublicHealth).
- Questions or suggestions? Email COVIDVax@phila.gov.
- This newsletter is sent to the [Community Response Partner Network](https://hip.phila.gov/CommunityResponse/CommunityResponse) Sign up at <https://hip.phila.gov/CommunityResponse/CommunityResponse> to get essential public health information, then pass it on to your family, friends, and community.