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 vaccine people who are homebound should email [vaccines@phila.gov](mailto:vaccines@phila.gov).
- Find a vaccine clinic and set up your own appointment or just walk in!
  - Go to [phila.gov/vaccine](http://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:


How to Stay Connected

- Text COVIDPHL to 888-777 to receive updates to your phone and find the latest information at philadelphia.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](https://hip.phila.gov/EmergencyResponse/CommunityResponse) to get essential public health information, then pass it on to your family, friends, and community.