

# Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

## Philadelphia Department of Public Health

### The Latest Numbers

- 1,817,607 people got at least one dose of vaccine and 818,430 people are “fully vaccinated” in Philadelphia, as of July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Find the newest information on the PDPH COVID-19 webpage at [phila.gov/COVID](https://phila.gov/COVID), PDPH [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

### Latest COVID Vaccine News

- **Webinar – *Decoding What You Need to Know About COVID-19 Right Now***: Join experts from the Department of Public Health for an informational webinar.
  - Learn more about COVID-19 variants.
  - Discuss available resources for isolation and quarantine.
  - Registration link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Eg7exisZTQW6rulu6QMDxQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Eg7exisZTQW6rulu6QMDxQ)
- **Do you need a ride to your COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment?**
  - **Lyft and SEPTA CCT** are offering Free rides to vaccine appointments for Philadelphia residents who are either 65+ or have access or functional needs.
  - **For more information call 311** (For interpretation press #5 and say your language).
- **Free Phillies Tickets** – Phillies tickets are being offered at all PDPH indoor vaccination clinics!
  - Only two tickets per person, please inquire at the clinic when you arrive.
  - Available on a first come, first served basis. *Get them before they are gone!*
- **Federal COVID-19 vaccine incentives, giveaways and discounts** - [vaccines.gov/incentives.html](https://vaccines.gov/incentives.html)

### FAQ on Guillain-Barré Syndrome and Myocarditis

- **I have heard that the J&J vaccine is causing Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS). What is that and should I be worried?**
  - Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) is a rare disorder where the body’s immune system can damage nerve cells, causing muscle weakness or sometimes paralysis (loss of movement or feeling in the body).
  - There have been 100 cases reported in over 12.5 million doses of J&J vaccine. This is extremely rare and the chance of this occurring is very low.
  - Most cases occurred in men 50 or older in the 42 days (6 weeks) after vaccination with J&J.
  - If you have gotten the J&J vaccine and experience any of the following symptoms, please get medical attention right away:
    - Weakness or tingling in the arms and legs; double vision; difficulty walking, speaking, chewing, or swallowing; or problems controlling your bladder or bowels.
  - A meeting of the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) on Wednesday, July 22, will review all the available research and report safety recommendations to the public.
- **I heard the Pfizer vaccine can cause myocarditis and pericarditis? What is that and should I be worried?**
  - Rare cases of myocarditis (inflammation of heart muscle) and pericarditis (inflammation of the lining of the heart) have occurred after Pfizer and Moderna vaccination
  - Most cases occurred in younger men, under 30 years, after the second dose, within a few days after getting vaccinated.
  - People who experienced this symptom generally recover and do well. No deaths have been connected to myocarditis after COVID-19 vaccination.
  - The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met on June 23, 2021.
    - They reviewed all the evidence and continue to recommend vaccination for adolescents and young adults.

- This is because the benefits of vaccination to prevent getting COVID-19, severe illness, or death, and protection against variants were all greater than the rare risk of myocarditis for adolescents and young adults.
- **I still have questions, where can I get more information?**
  - It's important you make the best choice for you. If you still have questions, please visit [phila.gov/COVID](https://phila.gov/COVID), call the health department at 215-685-5488 or speak with your doctor.

**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 and get updates on your phone and find the latest information at [phila.gov/COVID](https://phila.gov/COVID), [facebook.com/phillyhealth](https://facebook.com/phillyhealth) and [twitter @PHLPublicHealth](https://twitter.com/PHLPublicHealth)
- Questions or suggestions? Email [COVIDVax@phila.gov](mailto:COVIDVax@phila.gov)
- This newsletter is sent to the [Community Response Partner Network](https://hip.phila.gov/EmergencyResponse/CommunityResponse) 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.
- See next page for list of Vaccination Events this week in Philadelphia.

**Be safe!**



# Philadelphia Covid-19 Vaccination Events July 2021



**July 26th  
MONDAY**

**McIlvain Recreational Center**  
5200 N. Penn ST, 19124  
1 pm-6pm  
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available

**July 27th  
TUESDAY**

**Masjidullah Inc.**  
7401 Limekin Pike, 19138  
1 pm-6pm  
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available

**South Philly High School**  
2101 S Broad ST., 19148  
10 am - 4 pm  
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available

**Tacony Library - Free Library of Philadelphia**  
6742 Torresdale Ave., 19135  
10 am - 4 pm  
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available

**Cousins Supermarket**  
4037 N 5th ST, 19140  
8:30am -4pm  
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available

**July 28th  
WEDNESDAY**

**African Cultural Alliance of North America (ACANA)**  
5530 Chester Ave., 19143  
Every Wednesday 10am - 4pm until August 18th  
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson

**Community Academy Philadelphia**  
1100 E Erie Ave., 19124  
10am-4pm  
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available

**July 29th  
THURSDAY**

**South Philly High School**  
2101 S Broad ST., 19148  
10am - 4pm  
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available

**Christ & St. Ambrose Episcopal Church**  
3554 N 6th ST, 19140  
1pm-6pm  
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available

**July 30th  
FRIDAY**

**Logan Library - Free Library of Philadelphia**  
1333 Wagner Avenue, 19141  
Every Friday from 1 pm - 4pm until August 20th  
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available

**Grand Yesha Ballroom**  
2308 Snyder Ave, 19146  
10 am-4 pm  
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available

**July 31st  
SATURDAY**

**Community Academy Philadelphia**  
1100 E Erie Ave., 19124  
10am-4pm  
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available