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 19th, 2021
- Find the newest information on the PDPH COVID-19 webpage at philagov/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 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 philadelphia.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 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 philadelphia.gov/COVID, facebook.com/phillyhealth and 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.
• See next page for list of Vaccination Events this week in Philadelphia.

**Be safe!**
Philadelphia Covid-19 Vaccination Events

July 2021

July 26th
McIlvain Recreational Center
5200 N. Penn ST, 19124
1 pm-6pm
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available

July 27th
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
African Cultural Alliance of North America (ACANA)
5530 Chester Ave., 19143
Every Wednesday 10am - 4pm until August 18th
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available
Community Academy Philadelphia
1100 E Erie Ave., 19124
10am-4pm
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available

July 29th
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
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
Community Academy Philadelphia
1100 E Erie Ave., 19124
10am-4pm
Pfizer 12+, Johnson & Johnson available