

Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

- 1,190,605 people got at least one dose of vaccine and 967,098 people are “fully vaccinated” in Philadelphia, as of November 5th, 2021
 - 81.2% of Philadelphia’s adults are fully vaccinated, and 87.6 % of Philadelphia’s adults have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
 - 67,225 people have received boosters since August 2021
- Find the newest information on the PDPH COVID-19 webpage at phila.gov/COVID, PDPH [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

Latest COVID Vaccine News

- **Children in Philadelphia can now get the COVID-19 Vaccine!**
 - Kids ages 5 – 11, can now receive Pfizer’s pediatric dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - It is safe and effective for children to get vaccinated against COVID-19 per CDC guidelines and an FDA review.
 - PDPH will be offering pediatric doses at community clinics listed on the calendar below.
- **You can now ‘mix and match’ your booster dose!** – Those who have completed their entire series of vaccinations for COVID-19 with either 2 doses of Pfizer, 2 doses of Moderna or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson can receive the booster dose of their choice.
 - Be sure to bring a physical copy or a picture of your vaccination card when you go to get your booster shot.
- **Who can get a booster dose?**
 - Anyone 18+ who got their 2nd dose the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine 6 months ago and are:
 - 65 years of age or older
 - Living in a care or nursing home facility
 - Age 18-64 with underlying medical conditions
 - Age 18 – 64 who work in high-risk environments such as health care facilities, schools, factories, or distribution centers.
 - Anyone 18+ who got their J&J vaccine 2 months ago.

Latest COVID Vaccine Information

- **Where can I get a COVID-19 vaccine or booster?**
 - Call 3-1-1 or go to phila.gov/vaccine or vaccines.gov to find a vaccine clinic near you.
 - For interpretation, call 3-1-1, press #5 and say your language
 - Walk in and pre-scheduled appointments are available
 - Vaccine is free, no insurance or ID required!
- **Interested in *fostering social change and making an impact within your community?* – PhillyCEAL is looking to recruit new members for SIFT: CEAL’s Social Interactive Feedback Team. SIFT engages trusted messengers and other community members to provide weekly, real-time feedback about what they are hearing in their neighborhoods.**
 - Ongoing “social listening” data from SIFT is returned to the community frequently to help inform COVID-19 response efforts. SIFT members who respond to the text messages can **get paid \$10 each week!**
 - **How to join?** Be sure to complete this interest survey: [Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management](#) to get started.

- **Can't get to a vaccination clinic? Our Homebound Vaccination Program may interest you!**
 - If you or anyone you know have access and functional needs that may make it hard to go get vaccinated, Vaccinators will come to you and your caregivers! Visit: [COVID Vaccine Needs for Homebound Persons \(phila.gov\)](#)
- **Lost Vaccination Card?**
 - Philadelphia residents who lost their COVID-19 vaccination card or cannot get a copy of their record from their provider, can call 215-685-5488 or email covid@phila.gov for instructions on how to request a copy of their immunization record.
- **Looking to get tested for COVID-19?** - Testing is FREE at most sites in Philadelphia
 - For a site near you, please see the City of Philadelphia's COVID-19 testing location finder, *available in 6 languages*: <https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/?services=>

FAQ from kids about the COVID-19 vaccine

- **What is a vaccine? How do vaccines work in the body?**
 - A vaccine is like a shield for your body. Vaccines help your body to fight off illness.
 - Vaccines may stop you from getting a disease, and if you do get sick, the vaccine can keep you from becoming very sick or having complications.
- **Why is it important for me to get vaccinated?**
 - When you get sick, your parents or doctor can give you medicine to help you feel better. Think of vaccines like medicine put into your body to keep you from getting sick in the first place.
 - Also, these vaccines help protect people around you, especially grandparents, babies, and other family members with medical conditions.
- **If I'm healthy, why do I need vaccines?**
 - Even if you are healthy, it's hard to know who will get sick or very sick from COVID-19 if they are exposed. The vaccine will help your body fight off the COVID-19 virus and can keep you from getting really sick if you do get it.
 - Plus, vaccines don't just protect you! They also protect your family, friends, and community.
- **Are vaccines safe? Will I get sick from vaccines?**
 - Yes, vaccines are very safe! Millions of kids (and adults!) get all different types of vaccines every year, which helps protect them from lots of diseases.
 - Some people have side effects from vaccines like minor pain, redness, tiredness, headache, chills, fever, muscle aches, and/or nausea. Other people have no side effects at all.
 - If you do have side effects, you can think of them like signs showing that the vaccine is working and that your body is building up the protection it needs.
 - With the COVID-19 vaccine, everything was done to make sure that the vaccines are safe. Kids weren't vaccinated for COVID-19 right away because scientists and doctors spent a lot of time studying the COVID-19 vaccines to make sure they were safe for kids your age.
- **Will the vaccine hurt?**
 - The shot will feel like some pressure on your arm. We can make a plan for how you can be more comfortable while we're at the doctor's office/pharmacy/immunization clinic. Some options we can think about are holding hands, watching a video, singing a song, telling jokes, and taking deep breaths.
- **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, facebook.com/phillyhealth and [twitter @PHLPublicHealth](https://twitter.com/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/EmergencyResponse/CommunityResponse> to get essential public health information, then pass it on to your family, friends, and community.

Be safe!



Philadelphia Covid-19 Vaccination Events November 2021



MONDAY
November 8th

McIlvain Rec Center
5200 N Penn St, 19124
10am-2pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

Widener Library
2208 W Lehigh Ave, 19132
11am-4pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

Haverford Library
5543 Haverford Ave, 19139
1pm-4pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

TUESDAY
November 9th

Sturgis Playground
200 W 63rd St, 19126
10am-4pm
Pfizer (5+), Johnson & Johnson available

Tacony Library
6742 Torresdale Ave, 19135
10am-4pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

Lillian Marrero Library
601 W Lehigh Ave, 19133
11:30am-4pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

WEDNESDAY
November 10th

ACANA
5530 Chester Ave, 19143
10am-4pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

Lawncrest Library
6098 Rising Sun Ave, 19111
11am-5pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

Grand Yesha Ballroom
2308 Snyder Ave, 19145
10am-4pm
Pfizer (5+), Johnson & Johnson available

McPherson Square Park
601 E Indiana Ave, 19134
11am - 3pm
Hepatitis A vaccine and Johnson & Johnson available

THURSDAY
November 11th

Veterans Day Holiday - No PDPH COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

FRIDAY
November 12th

Salvation Army
5501 Market St, 19139
12pm-6pm
Pfizer (5+), Johnson & Johnson available

Blackwell Library
128 S 52nd St, 19139
1pm-4pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

Logan Library
1333 Wagner Ave, 19141
1pm-4pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

SATURDAY
November 13th

Global Leadership Academy
4601 W Girard Avenue, 19131
10am-4pm
Pfizer (5+), Johnson & Johnson available

Harm Reduction & Mutual Aid Awareness Event
3600 Grays Ferry Ave, 19146
2pm - 8pm
Hepatitis A vaccine, Pfizer (12+) and Johnson & Johnson available