Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

- 1,275,370 people got at least one dose of vaccine and 1,010,865 people are “fully vaccinated” in Philadelphia, as of November 30th, 2021
  - 93.1% of Philadelphia’s adults are fully vaccinated, and 87.6% of Philadelphia’s adults have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
  - 140,761 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

- **Vaccine Mandate**
  - As of January 14th, 2022, all City of Philadelphia employees and contractors must be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccination series.

- **Have an upcoming public health event happening in your community?**
  - Send us an email with a .png file of your event flyer at least two weeks in advance.
  - We will advertise the event on our social media platforms.

Latest COVID Vaccine Information

- **COVID-19 vaccine is available for children in the City of Philadelphia**
  - Children ages 5-11 years old can receive pediatric doses of the Pfizer vaccination.
  - For more information, please visit: [https://bit.ly/3d3w6H7](https://bit.ly/3d3w6H7)

- **Where can I get a COVID-19 vaccine or booster?**
  - Call 3-1-1 or got 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.

- **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.

- **Want to get tested for COVID-19?**
  - Testing is FREE at most sites in Philadelphia!
  - For a site nearest you, please see the City of Philadelphia’s testing location finder, available in 6 languages: [https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/?services=](https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/?services=).

FAQ on the Omicron Variant

- **What is Omicron?**
  - Omicron is the name of the latest variant (type) of the COVID-19 virus.
  - All viruses are expected to mutate (change) over time. These mutations can become new variants (types) of viruses.
    - Mutations are normal for viruses and scientists are researching how new variants of COVID-19 affect our health
- **Why is everyone talking about Omicron?**
  - The Omicron COVID-19 variant has mutations that could make it spread more easily.
• Researchers around the world are working to see how well the COVID-19 vaccines and medications work against this new variant.

• **Is Omicron in Philadelphia and how do you know this?**
  • As of 11/29/2021, there have been NO cases of the Omicron variant in Philadelphia.
  • Researchers in Philadelphia do surveillance (regular testing) to track what variants of the COVID-19 virus are in our city.
    • This tracking also happens at the state, regional, national, and international levels.

• **How can we keep each other safe from Omicron?**
  • Get vaccinated and get a booster if eligible.
    • Researchers are still understanding exactly how the vaccines work with this new variant, but existing research shows that COVID-19 vaccines will provide some protection from Omicron, particularly for people who have had booster shots.
  • It’s smart for people to look for updates about Omicron, but continue to take precautions against the Delta variant and other respiratory viruses that tend to spread during the colder months:
    • Wear a mask
    • Avoid crowded places
    • Wash your hands
    • Stay home if you’re sick
    • Get vaccinated if you’re not and get a booster dose if you’re eligible
  • Wearing a mask and avoiding crowded indoor spaces will be important over the next few weeks because COVID-19 cases are increasing in the Philadelphia area and because of concerns about the Omicron variant.

• **Where did the name Omicron come from?**
  • COVID variants are named after the letters of the Greek alphabet.
    • The 1st letter of the Greek alphabet is named Alpha, the 4th is Delta, and the 15th is Omicron.

• **Where can I get more information?**
  • Visit [www.who.int/news/item/28-11-2021-update-on-omicron](http://www.who.int/news/item/28-11-2021-update-on-omicron)

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

**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](https://twitter) @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](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

## December 2021

### Monday

**Mcllvain 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**
- 5545 Havertford Ave, 19135
- 1pm-4pm
- Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

### Tuesday

**Sturges 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

**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

### Thursday

**Waterview Rec Center**
- 5820 McMahon Ave, 19144
- 12pm-6pm
- Pfizer (5+), Johnson & Johnson available

**Paschalville Library**
- 6942 Woodland Ave, 19142
- 1pm - 4pm
- Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

### Friday

**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

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