Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers
- 1,289,544 people got at least one dose of vaccine and 1,021,086 people are “fully vaccinated” in Philadelphia, as of December 6th, 2021.
  - 94.0% of Philadelphia’s adults have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
  - 157,213 people have received boosters since August 13, 2021.
- Find the newest information on the PDPH COVID-19 webpage at phila.gov/COVID, PDPH Facebook and Twitter.

Latest COVID Vaccine News
- Pediatric COVID-19 vaccinations will be available at Lawncrest Library on December 8th, 2021!
  - Clinic hours are from 11am—5pm. Located at 6098 Rising Sun Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19111.
  - No appointment or ID required, parent or guardian consent required for children ages 5 – 11.
- Holiday Toy Giveaway event at Garsed Manor:
  - Join Unique Dreams Inc., on Thursday, December 23rd, 2021, at 10:30am for toys, gifts, and prizes. Located at 4047 Leiper Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124.
  - Vaccinations will also be available.
- Disability Health Forum on COVID and vaccines
  - The Disability Health Forum made a video with ASL interpretation on current, essential information about COVID and the vaccines in Philadelphia for the disability community.
  - Video can be found here: https://bit.ly/Nov2021DisabilityHealthForum
- 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
- Where can I get a COVID-19 vaccine or booster?
  - Call 3-1-1 or got to philadelphia.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=.

FAQ on the Flu Shot
- Who should get a flu shot?
Everyone older than 6 months should get a flu shot every year.

**Why should I get a flu shot?**
- The flu shot makes it much less likely that you will get sick with the flu.
- If you do catch the flu, being vaccinated can make your illness shorter and less serious.

**When should I get a flu shot?**
- As soon as possible!
- Flu season usually starts in Philadelphia in December or January.

**Where can I get a flu shot?**
- Contact your regular healthcare provider.
- Pharmacies and health centers have walk-up availability.
  - Scroll down the page for the Flu Clinic Map and Flu Clinic Calendar.

**What about my COVID vaccine? Can I get a flu shot at the same time?**
- Absolutely! You can get your flu shot and COVID vaccine at the same time.
- Getting both vaccines will help keep you safe from both viruses and help keep your loved ones safer through the whole winter.

**Can the flu shot give me the flu?**
- No, the flu vaccine cannot cause flu.
- The vaccines either contain a not active virus, meaning the viruses are no longer infectious (able to cause illness), or are designed to look like the flu virus to your immune system.
- The nasal spray flu vaccine does contain a live virus, but the viruses are changed so that they cannot give you the flu.

**Why does it seem like some people get sick with the flu after they get their flu shot?**
- The flu shot protects you from many strains (types) of the flu virus, but sometimes people get sick from another strain of the flu.
- Some people have side effects from the flu shot that are similar to symptoms of the flu.

**Are there side effects to the flu shot?**
- Every medicine and vaccine can have side effects.
- Common side effects from the flu shot include:
  - Headache, fever, nausea, or muscle aches
  - Soreness, redness, and/or swelling in the arm from the shot
- Side effects of the flu shot are usually mild and go away on their own within a few days.

**Can staying safe from COVID also help us stay safe from the flu?**
- Yes! Wearing a mask, washing your hands often, meeting in large groups outdoors, and staying away from others who are sick will help keep you safe from both flu and COVID.

**Where to get more information about the COVID-19 vaccines:**
  - Includes current topics, FAQs, and more. Current as of November 19, 2021.

**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
- For future disability announcements, contact liam.dougherty@phila.gov
- 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.

Be safe!
Philadelphia Covid-19 Vaccination Events
December 2021

Monday, December 6th

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

Tuesday, December 7th

Surgis Playground
230 W 63rd St, 19126
11am-4pm
Pfizer (5+), Johnson & Johnson available

Tacony Library
6742 Torresdale Ave, 19135
11am-4pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

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

Wednesday, December 8th

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

Lawncrest Library
6096 Rising Sun Ave, 19111
11am-5pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

Thursday, December 9th

Waterview Rec Center
5826 McMahon Ave, 19144
10am-4pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available

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

Friday, December 10th

Blackwell Library
126 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, December 11th

Community Academy
1100 Erie Ave, 19124
10am-4pm
Pfizer (12+), Johnson & Johnson available