Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

• One Year of COVID-19 Vaccines!
  • As of December 13, 2021, it is officially one year since the COVID-19 vaccination began in the City of Philadelphia! See how far we have come: [https://bit.ly/CityofPhiladelphiaVaccineData](https://bit.ly/CityofPhiladelphiaVaccineData)
  • 1,305,916 people got at least one dose of vaccine and 1,021,902 people are “fully vaccinated” in Philadelphia, as of December 13th, 2021.
    • 95.0% of adults in Philadelphia have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
    • 88.0% of Philadelphia residents ages 12-17 have received at least one dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
    • 17.4% of Philadelphia residents ages 5-11 have received at least one dose of the Pfizer pediatric vaccine.
    • 176,074 people have received boosters since August 13, 2021.
  • Find the newest information on the PDPH COVID-19 webpage at phila.gov/COVID or on the Department's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Latest COVID Vaccine News

• The City will now require proof of vaccination from patrons at all indoor eating and drinking establishments!
  • Starting January 3, 2022, all bars, restaurants, and places where public eating or drinking occurs while indoors will require proof of a complete COVID-19 vaccination series to enter.
  • Announced at a press conference on Monday, December 13, the City mandate also requires both staff of these establishments and their children (ages 5 and up) to have at least one dose by January 3.

• Holiday Toy Giveaway at Garsed Manor:
  • Join Unique Dreams Inc. on Thursday, December 23, 2021 at 10:30am for toys, gifts, and prizes. This event will take place at 4047 Leiper St, Philadelphia, PA 19124, and vaccinations will also be available.
  • For future disability health announcements, contact Liam.Dougherty@phila.gov.

• 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 boosters have been expanded for ages 16 and older.
  • The CDC has expanded their guidelines to recommend booster doses of the COVID-19 Vaccine and to adolescents aged 16 and 17. For more information on COVID-19 Booster guidance and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, please visit [https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1208-16-17-booster.html](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1208-16-17-booster.html).

• 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)
  • Vaccine is free, no insurance or ID required.

• Where can I get a COVID-19 vaccine or booster?
  • Call 3-1-1 or go 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 Who Can Get a COVID-19 Vaccine and a Booster Right Now

Why should I get a COVID-19 vaccine or a booster? Haven’t enough people been vaccinated yet?
• The number of cases of COVID-19 went up after the Thanksgiving holiday, so there is more virus in our communities and more chances to become infected with COVID-19.
• A vaccine and booster dose will prevent you from getting COVID-19 and can help prevent you from spreading the COVID-19 infection on to others.
  • The person you may pass COVID-19 on to may not be able to fight off the infection as well and could end up seriously sick or in the hospital.

Who can get a COVID-19 vaccine in Philadelphia right now?
• Pfizer vaccine is available for anyone ages 5 and up.
• Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine is available to anyone 18 and up.

Who can get a booster in Philadelphia?
• Everyone ages 16 and older!
  • Anyone age 16+ who got Pfizer for their first 2 doses at least 6 months ago.
  • Anyone age 18+ who got Moderna for their first 2 doses at least 6 months ago.
  • Anyone age 18+ who got Johnson & Johnson for their vaccine at least 2 months ago.

Do I have to get the same type of vaccine as my booster? Which vaccine is recommended?
• You can mix and match and get any type of vaccine as your booster dose, it doesn’t have to be the same one you got originally.

Why did the CDC lower the age of people eligible for a booster dose?
• Concerns about spread of the Omicron variant is one main reason the CDC approved a booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine for 16 and 17 year-olds.

I keep hearing about the Delta and Omicron variant spreading more easily. Will the booster protect me from the Omicron and Delta variants?
• Yes, researchers are still understanding exactly how the vaccines work with these new variants, but existing research shows the COVID-19 vaccines provide some protection from Omicron and Delta and a booster dose should provide extra protection.

Where can I get more information?

Where to get more information about the COVID-19 vaccines:
• Questions on all 3 vaccines from PDPH can be found at https://bit.ly/COVIDvaxFAQ-PDPH (English) and from the CDC at https://bit.ly/COVIDvaxFAQ-CDC (English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and more)
• Disability Health Forum video with ASL interpretation: https://bit.ly/Nov2021DisabilityHealthForum
  • 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
  - To view an archive of past newsletters, please visit https://hip.phila.gov/newsletters/covid-19-vaccine-newsletter/
  - 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 20th
- **Simpson Rec Center**
  - 1010 Arrott St., 19124
  - 1pm-6pm
  - **Pfizer (5+)**, 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, December 21st
- **Lonnie Young Rec Center**
  - 100 E Chelten Ave., 19138
  - 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, December 22nd
- **MLK Older Adult Center**
  - 2100 Cecil B Moore Ave., 19121
  - 10am-4pm
  - **Pfizer (5+)**, Johnson & Johnson available

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

### Thursday, December 23rd
- **Waterview Rec Center**
  - 5826 McMahon Ave., 19144
  - 10am-4pm
  - **Pfizer (5+)**, Johnson & Johnson available

- **Unique Dreams**
  - 4704 Leiper St., 19124
  - 11am-3pm
  - **Pfizer (5+)**, Johnson & Johnson available