

Philadelphia COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Latest Numbers

- 1,245,835 people have received at least one dose and 999,872 people are fully vaccinated in Philadelphia as of November 18, 2021.
 - 91.2% of adults in Philadelphia have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - 113,052 people have received boosters since August 13, 2021.
- The latest information is available on PDPH's [COVID-19 webpage](#) and social media ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)).

Latest COVID Vaccine News

- **Monday November 29th Caribbean Community in Philadelphia in partnership with Island Vybe Philly Caribbean Station present: "Make Vaxx Visible"**
 - Tune into Island Vybe Philly from 8:00-9:00 pm for a night of Caribbean music with DJs and Promoters
 - Show proof of vaccination for a chance to win a beats Studio 3 headphone set! Visit islandvybe.net for more info.
- **Have an upcoming public health event happening in your community?**
 - Send us an email with a .png file of your event at least two weeks in advance.
 - We will advertise the event on our social media platforms!

Latest COVID-19 Vaccine Information

- **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.
- **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. Walk in and pre-scheduled appointments are available. For interpretation, call 3-1-1, press #5, and say your language. As a reminder, all vaccines are free, and no insurance or ID required to get vaccinated.
- **Lost Vaccination Card?** 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=>.

Top Reasons for Your Child to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine (source: [Johns Hopkins University](#))

- **It is likely that your child will be exposed to COVID-19 if they have not already been.** Currently, COVID-19 is the seventh top cause of death for children ages 5-11 in the U.S., making COVID-19 more dangerous than the flu. COVID-19 vaccines prevent kids from getting severely sick with COVID-19, long-term complications, or even death.
- **Getting kids vaccinated helps protect everyone.** People are more likely to be infected by unvaccinated individuals. Kids may be exposed to COVID-19 in schools and then accidentally expose their family members, teachers, grandparents and other high-risk individuals in their lives. Kids are part of the COVID-19 'chain of transmission'. The more people who are vaccinated, the less transmission will be happening in any community, the less people will get sick, and there are less opportunities for the virus to mutate into a new variant, like the Delta variant.
- **COVID-19 vaccines are safe.** No vaccine in existence has had any side effects more than two months after vaccination. We are way beyond that now for most people who have been fully vaccinated. Some parents are worried about their child getting myocarditis (inflammation around the heart) from the vaccine, but the chances of myocarditis happening are much higher if the child gets sick with COVID-19. Myocarditis remains a very rare side effect, and it can be treated with rest or medication.

Where to Get More Information about the COVID-19 Vaccines

- Questions on all three vaccines from PDPH are available 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 to receive updates to your phone. The latest information is available on PDPH's [COVID-19 webpage](#) and social media ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)).
- Questions or feedback? Email COVIDVax@phila.gov.
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