

Ammanuel Church COVID 19 Updates Jan 21st, 2022

Health Department

Health Dep officials seeing **light at the end of the tunnel for omicron surge**
They are seeing encouraging signs that is **nearing its peak**, but
We are not quite out of the woods yet.
Although the omicron wave may still be far from over there was signs it is in
retreat.

COVID-19 cases and deaths are **declining in Philadelphia** and its **surrounding**
Will that continue? "It depends on how people behave, among other things."
Though case counts remain high, the number of new daily infections in
Philadelphia, its collar **counties**, and **South Jersey** all appear to have peaked
between **Jan. 9 and 12**

Since then, the average daily cases over the past week have dropped by more than
a **third in South Jersey**, by **40% in Philadelphia**, and by almost a **quarter in**
Delaware, Chester, Bucks, and Montgomery Counties. The declining case
trends in **Philadelphia mirror those in other northeastern cities**.
Still **thousands of cases a day on average**, which is more than we have seen a day
In **Philadelphia**, the seven-day average of new daily cases as of Tuesday was
1,979 — lower compared to more than **3,500 daily a week ago**

And while regionwide hospitalizations are down, **Philadelphia's 1,432 COVID-19**
positive hospital patients this week are **more than a week ago**. The positivity rate
in **Philadelphia** is currently **21%**, and health officials say a number that high
indicates the virus is transmitting beyond testing's capacity to capture the full
extent of its spread.

Philadelphia Department of Commerce to study how the department can better
support city residents and business owners during the pandemic.

PHILADELPHIA - **Philadelphia's** indoor dining establishments now require
customers and staff to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as the two-week period
also allowing for negative tests has come to an end. The mandate, which was
announced back in December, went into effect on **Jan. 3**. The city says it was
implemented in response ... to a sharp increase in COVID-19 cases in

Philadelphia. It includes a two-week grace period - ending on **Jan. 17** - where establishments may choose to accept a negative test from the last 24 hours in lieu of **proof of vaccination**.

More than 12 **hepatitis A** cases are currently under investigation and seven people are still in the hospital. (Gino Pizza)

Hepatitis A is a highly contagious, vaccine-preventable, liver infection caused by the **hepatitis A** virus (HAV) ranging in severity from mild infection lasting a few weeks to severe disease lasting several months. **Hepatitis A** usually spreads when a person unknowingly ingests the virus from objects, food, or drinks contaminated by small, undetected amounts of stool from an ... infected person. **Hepatitis A** can also spread from close personal contact with an infected person such as through sex or caring for someone who is ill."

Signs and symptoms of **hepatitis A** can include the following:

- Loss of appetite Abdominal discomfort
- Dark urine
- Joint pain
- Jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes).

Health Department's New COVID-19 Guidance for Schools: On January 19, 2022, the Health Department released updated COVID-19 guidance for schools. This guidance was developed using the latest CDC guidance on masks and isolation and quarantine, with a lens into the reality of schools in Philadelphia. The new guidance offers several changes from previous versions of school guidance.

- Students and staff still need to wear masks, but the Health Department is recommending that they wear surgical or N95/equivalents if possible.
- Isolation and quarantine for students can be shortened, if the school can implement certain mitigation strategies.
- Contact tracing should be reserved for higher-risk exposures, such as during lunch.
- The Health Department will no longer use case counts to recommend a pause to in-person learning.

The full guidance **can be found online on Phila.gov**. A **blog post further explaining the changes** is also available online.

Philadelphians Can Now Order Free COVID-19 At-home Tests from the Federal Government: The Biden Administration has fulfilled their goal of offering members of the public the opportunity to request four free rapid at-home COVID-19 tests delivered to their home. Residents are encouraged to visit covidtests.gov to order their free COVID-19 tests. National news outlets have noted scam websites with similar names have already popped up. Residents should be careful to only go to the official website.

- Where to get a COVID-19 vaccine: phila.gov/vaccine.
- Where to find COVID-19 testing: phila.gov/testing.
- **Frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 response.**
- Greater Philadelphia Coronavirus Helpline: 1 (800) 722-7112.
- Health Department COVID Call Center: 215-685-5488.
- Residents can text COVIDPHL to 888-777 to get updates sent to their phones.

In the last two weeks, **17.3 percent (28.8 percent- last week) of COVID-19 tests** in Philadelphia have come back **positive**.

Philadelphia is averaging **1,658 (3,301 new cases -last week)** of COVID-19 per day over the last two weeks

79 percent of Philadelphia adults are fully vaccinated, and more than **95 percent of** Philadelphia adults have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

5-11 years vaccinated are **33.1%** in Philadelphia

1,337 (1,621-last week) are hospitalized and 113 (126-last week) use ventilators in Philadelphia

Booster shots

Anyone 12 or older can get a booster dose after they've completed their COVID vaccine series.

To get a booster, you'll need to show your vaccine card or a photo of your vaccine card. If you've lost your card, **you can request a replacement.**

Please vaccinate (five years and above)

Religious Institute Guidance (posted church website)

Philadelphia mask mandate

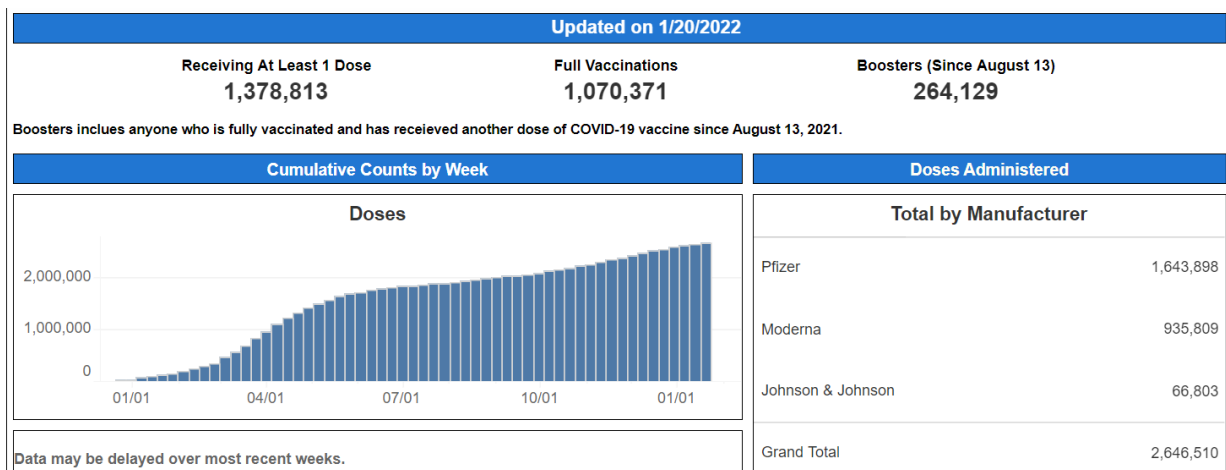
Philadelphia's **mask mandate** went into effect on **August 12, 2021** to combat the COVID-19 emergency in Philadelphia.

- **Masks will be required indoors at all Philadelphia businesses, institutions, and event venues.**
- Businesses, institutions, and event venues **that require vaccination** for all employees and patrons are **exempted from having a mask requirement.**
- Businesses, institutions, and event venues **that do not require everyone who enters to be vaccinated, must require everyone on site to wear a mask** except only:
 - **When actively eating and drinking while seated or at a standing table of no more than four people.**
 - **Anyone who is not seated or at a table may not eat and/or drink.**
- **If any individual is unvaccinated, everyone in the institution must be masked when the masked, unvaccinated person is present, no matter the reason the person is unvaccinated.**

Signages

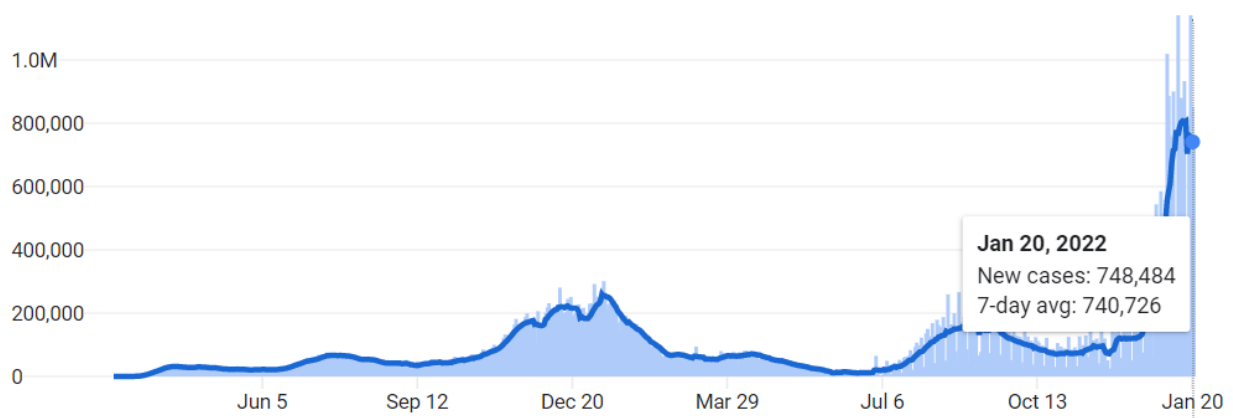
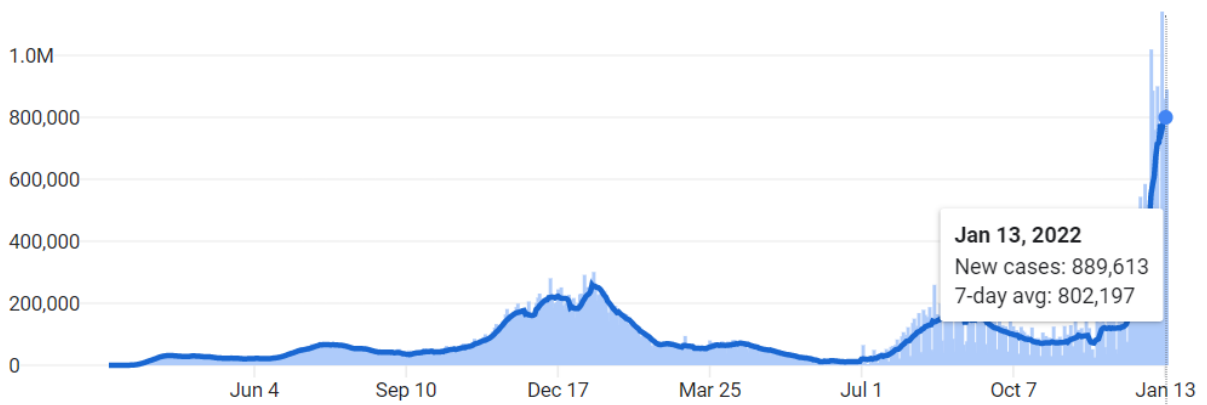
6 ft distances, mask, wash hand, if sick stay home

Clean all surface; Communicate with congregates



Hospitalized & Death unvaccinated people 99.2 % and 99.0%, respectfully

USA COVID 19 Status



[U.S. COVID-19 vaccine tracker: See your state's progress - Mayo Clinic](#)

Vaccine Tracker

[U.S. Coronavirus Map: Tracking the Trends - Mayo Clinic](#)

Positive

[Frequently asked questions | Department of Public Health | City of Philadelphia](#)

If you have any **symptom**, please take a test and **Quarantine**.

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