

## Ammanuel Church COVID 19 Updates Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Health Department

- Federal regulators consider approving the COVID-19 vaccine for **children 6 months to 5 years old**,
- Philadelphia officials are gearing up for a local rollout,
- Pfizer and BioNTech are requesting **emergency use authorization** from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for their two-dose COVID-19 vaccine in younger than 5,
- The FDA's vaccine advisory committee will meet **Feb. 15** to discuss the request,
- Dr. Bettigole, Health Commissioner, said **pharmacies cannot vaccinate** children younger than 3.
- **City is months away from lifting mask mandates**,
- While the number of infections continues to drop in recent weeks, case counts remain too high to get rid of current restrictions.
- The city was averaging **497 new cases** of COVID-19 per day compared to about 1,000 cases per day last week.
- COVID-19 related hospitalizations have also dropped,
- **686 people who tested positive for the virus were hospitalized** as of Tuesday
- A drop of approximately **50% compared to the previous week**.
- The positivity rate is **6.5%**, a level not seen since Dec. 21, 2021,
- The city's count does not include individuals who test positive using at-home tests
- Philadelphia is still within the CDC's criteria for a **high level of community transmission**,
- **San Francisco** dropped its indoor mask requirements this week for fully vaccinated people in offices, restaurants, bars, gyms and religious settings,
- Officials ended the mandate due to San Francisco's high vaccination rate **roughly 82%** of all eligible residents.
- Philadelphia's vaccination rate for adults is nearly 79.2%, and almost 30% have received a booster

Omicron still makes up **98% of cases in Philadelphia** and of the roughly **1 million city residents over 5 who are fully vaccinated**, only a quarter of them have received booster shots.

“It’s highly contagious, so our ability to maintain this drop in case count depends on what people do stressing the need to get boosted said the health commissioner

Where to get a COVID-19 vaccine: [phila.gov/vaccine](https://phila.gov/vaccine).

- Where to find COVID-19 testing: [phila.gov/testing](https://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, **6.5 percent (28.8 percent- three weeks ago) of COVID-19 tests** in Philadelphia have come back **positive**.

Philadelphia is averaging **497 per day this week, 996 per day last week (3,301 new cases** -last three weeks) of COVID-19 per day over the last two weeks

**79.2 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 **47.5%** in Philadelphia

**640 this week, 904 last week (1,621-last three week)** are hospitalized and **78 this week, 103 last week (126-last three weeks)** use ventilators in Philadelphia

**Booster shots= 400,974 (31%)**

**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.

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

**Clean all surfaces; Communicate with congregates**



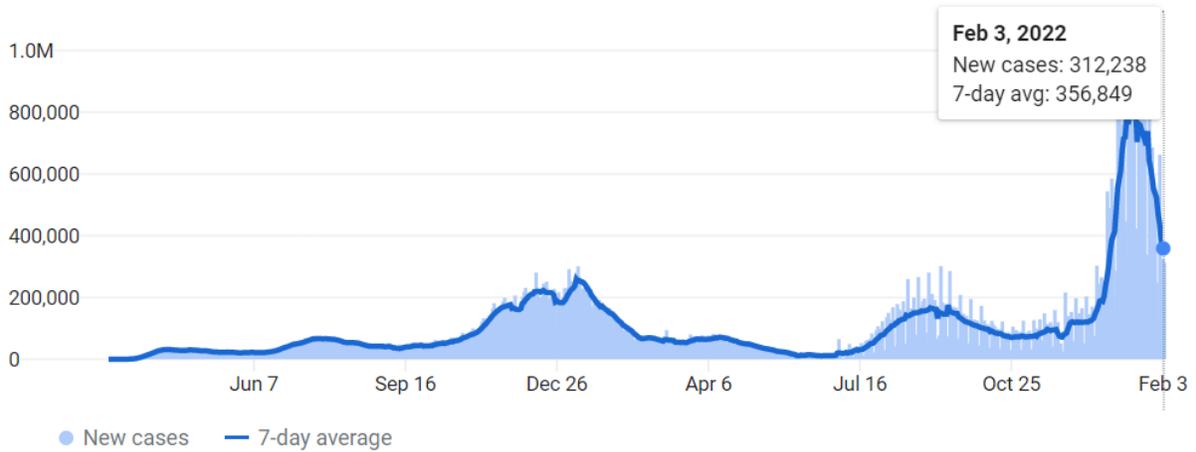
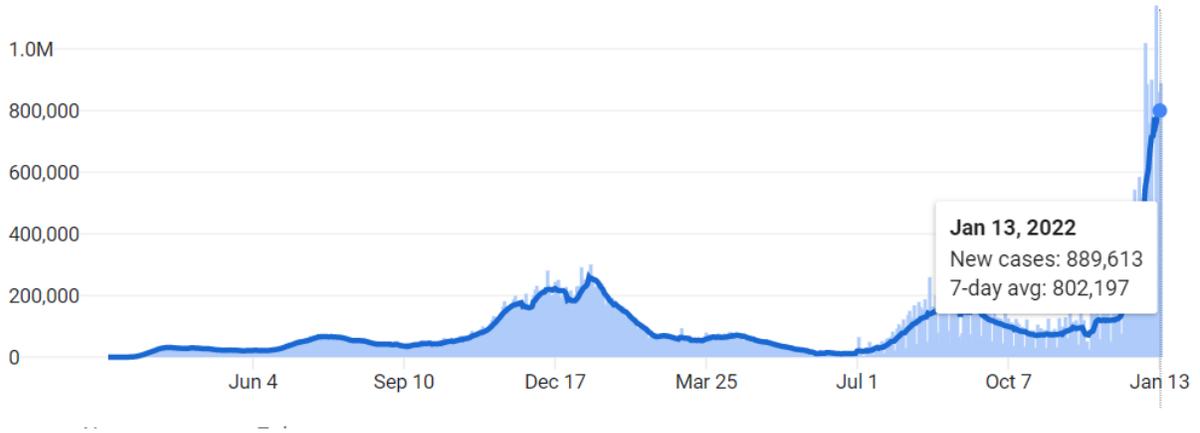
**Hospitalized & Death unvaccinated people 99.2 % and 99.0%, respectfully**

**Omicron Subvariant:** The BA.2 subvariant of the Omicron coronavirus variant, which is dominant in Denmark, appears more contagious than the more common BA.1 sub-lineage, Danish Health Minister Magnus Heunicke said on Wednesday in a national address.

"There is no evidence that the BA.2 variant causes more disease, but it must be more contagious," Heunicke told a news conference.

The BA.1 lineage currently accounts for 98% of all cases globally but in Denmark has been pushed aside by BA.2, which became the dominant strain in the second week of January.

### 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**.

**END of COVID PRESENTATION**