

Ammanuel Church COVID 19 Updates March 4th, 2022

Health Department

Weekly COVID-19 Response Level: This week's COVID-19 response level is Level 1: **"All Clear"** means no mask requirement except for healthcare center, congregate, schools until **March 9th, 2022**. **But those who are unvaccinated required to wear double mask and those who are in high-risk people.**

What will be required to reach All Clear Status?

All Clear Status

- Average new daily case count is under **100**
- Hospitalizations are under **50**
- Positivity is under **2%**
- Cases have not risen by more than **50%** within the past 10 days

Current Status

88/day positive
152 in Hospital
1.3%
less than 50%

Wednesday, the Health Commissioner that, according to the metrics in the COVID Response levels the City would immediately be moving to all clear level. This means that the city will not be **enforcing** either **the indoor mask mandate or the restaurant vaccine mandate**. After nearly two years of a pandemic, things are looking up.

Now that we're in the *All Clear* Level, this is what it means for us and our work.

Starting March 2: No mask mandate for non-City buildings, though businesses and other institutions may still require proof of vaccination or mask wearing. City buildings still require masks for all visitors and staff – regardless of your vaccination status.

Monday, March 7: No mask mandate extends to City buildings. Masks are optional for visitors and fully vaccinated staff. **Unvaccinated staff are still required to double mask** and follow routine testing protocol as outlined per Human Resources.

Wednesday, March 9: If data continues to move in the right direction, we will end the mask mandate in **schools** on March 9th. There would be a 1-week mask requirement after spring break to avoid a post-break surge in cases.

There are still places where masks will be required, namely **healthcare settings** (including our Health Centers), **public transit, congregate living settings, and – until March 9th at the earliest – schools and early childhood education centers.**

Obviously, a big change like this means there are lots of details that still need to be worked out. Keep an eye out for updated guidance in the future.

Finally, some people might still want extra protection against COVID and will wear masks while they're around others. There's nothing wrong with this and these people do not deserve harassment. Some may have a family **member that is at high-risk**, some may be sick and are actually protecting you, and some may just want to be safe. All of those, and more, are valid reasons to keep wearing masks.

- Federal regulators consider approving the COVID-19 vaccine for **children 6 months to 5 years old**, next week
- The city was averaging **88/day this week, 157 last two week, 294/day** last three week; **497 new cases** of COVID-19 per day last month; compared to about **1,000 cases per day last 6-7 weeks.**
- **152 hospitalized this week, 217 hospitalized last week; 291 hospitalized last two week; 435 last three weeks; 686 people who tested positive for the virus were hospitalized** last month
- The positivity rate is **1.3% this week; 2.7% last week 3.9% last two week, 6.5 % three weeks**
- **NJ and DE** Officials will end the mandate of indoor masking.
- Philadelphia's vaccination rate for adults is nearly **81.7%, more than 95% one dose; and 40% have received a booster**
- **Children aged 5-11: 53.6% vaccinated**

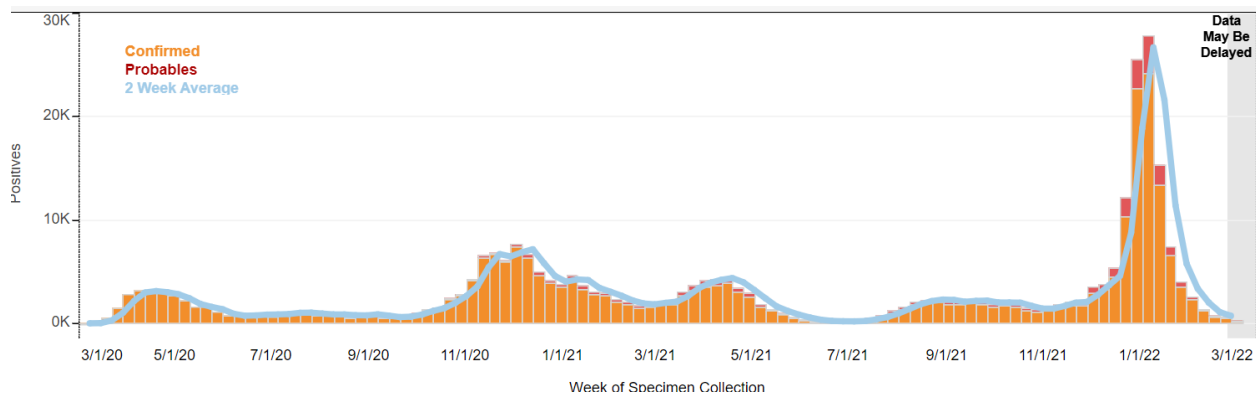
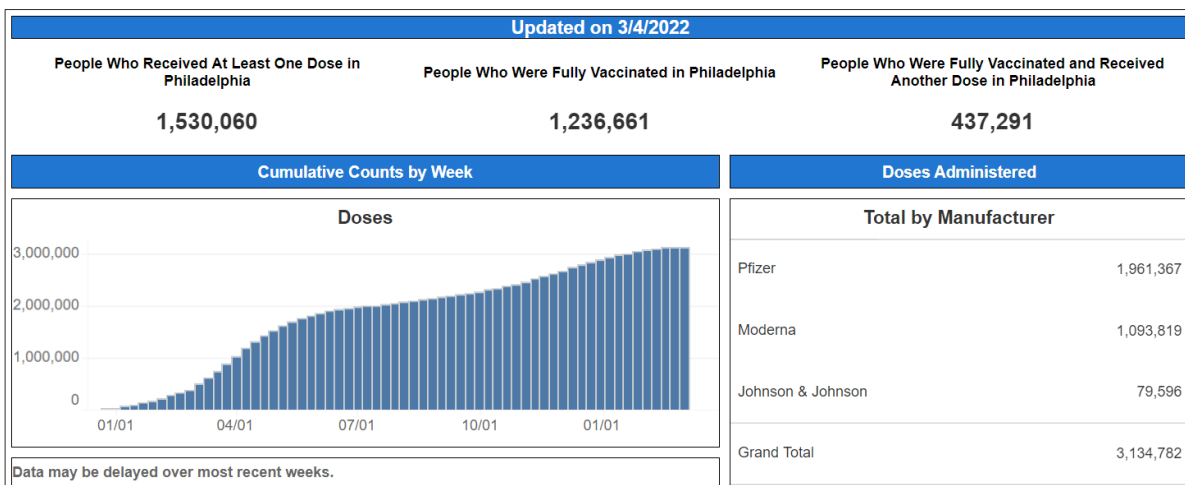
Pfizer-BioNTech is **postponing** its rolling application to the Food and Drug Administration to expand the use of its two-dose Covid-19 vaccine for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

The move means that vaccines for this age group will not be available in the **coming weeks**, a setback for parents eager to vaccinate their young children.

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.

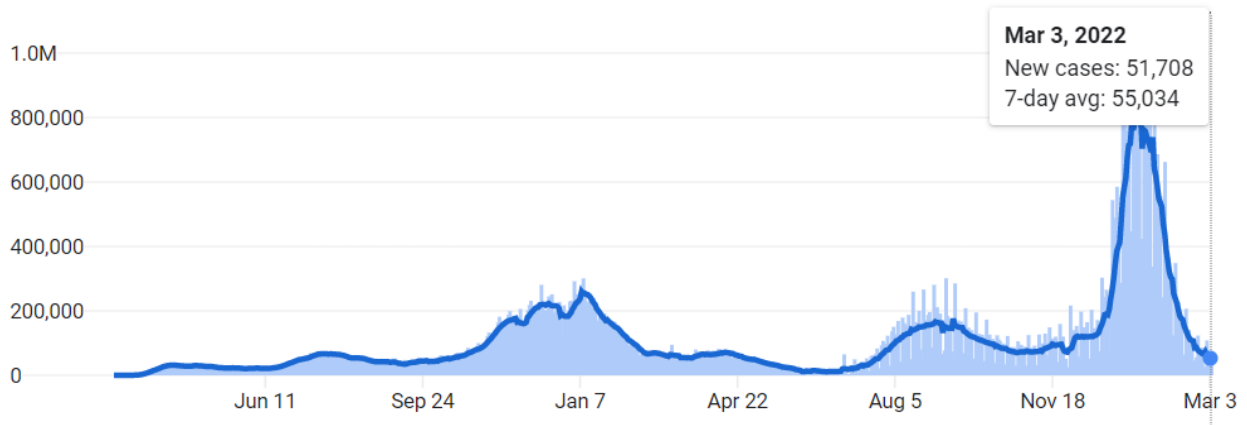
Philadelphia COVID and Vaccine Status shown the two graph below



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

USA COVID 19 Status

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

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Positive

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

END of COVID PRESENTATION