

Ammanuel Church COVID 19 Updates May 27th, 2022

Health Department

COVID-19 cases are **increase this week** in and around Philadelphia as a **subvariant of omicron** continues to spread

Overall risk in Philadelphia: Masks strongly recommended in indoor public settings.

- Average new cases per day: 400
- Case increase: Less than 50% in the previous 10 days
- Hospitalizations: 142

In New Jersey and New York, the subvariant has edged out its predecessor, **BA. 2**, to become the dominant strain, according to CDC data — accounting for two-thirds of cases there last week. **BA. 2 overtook the original omicron strain at the end of March.**

For people who do test positive for COVID-19, **talk to your health care provider as soon as possible for information on treatments like Paxlovid**, which can reduce hospitalizations due to COVID-19 by up to 90 percent.

The HD to remind people that, as we move into **prom, wedding, and graduation season, that the risk of exposure to COVID-19 goes up as you're around more people.**

Recommendations for Event Safety: The Health Department recommends that everyone take the following steps to make sure that their prom, wedding, or graduation event can be as safe as possible. With infection levels rising, you should assume that a crowded indoor space will include people who are infectious with COVID-19. That doesn't mean you shouldn't go, but it does mean that you should take common sense precautions before, during, and after the event:

Before:

- Test before you attend big events to help lower risk for everyone.
- If you've been exposed to COVID-19, remember that even if you are vaccinated and boosted, you could still pass the virus to others (although the chance is lower). If you choose to attend an event after a COVID exposure, make sure you keep your mask on and think about remote options to help protect others.

During:

- Outside events are much safer than inside events.
- Consider your own risk level and that of those you will potentially expose after the event. Wearing a high quality mask or double masking lowers your risk even if others are not masked, but only if you keep your mask on.
- If the event has food, eat outside if possible. And minimize the amount of time **your mask** is off if eating or drinking inside.

After:

- If you've recently attended a large indoor event without wearing a mask consistently, **test 3-5 days later and avoid seeing people who are at higher risk until you have tested negative.**
- If you test positive for COVID-19, **contact your healthcare provider** to see if you can get treated. Medications like Paxlovid can reduce hospitalizations due to COVID-19 by up to 90 percent.

Symptoms

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Where to get a COVID-19 vaccine: phila.gov/vaccine.

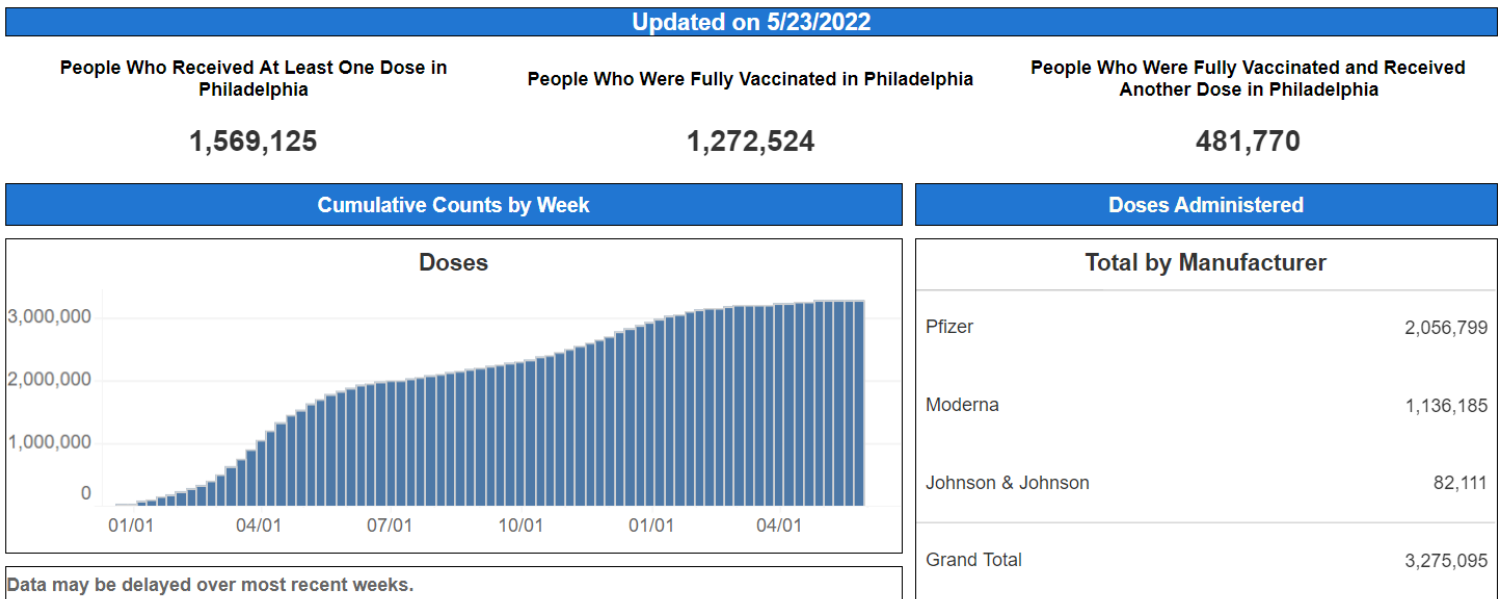
- Where to find COVID-19 testing: phila.gov/testing.
- **Frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 response.**

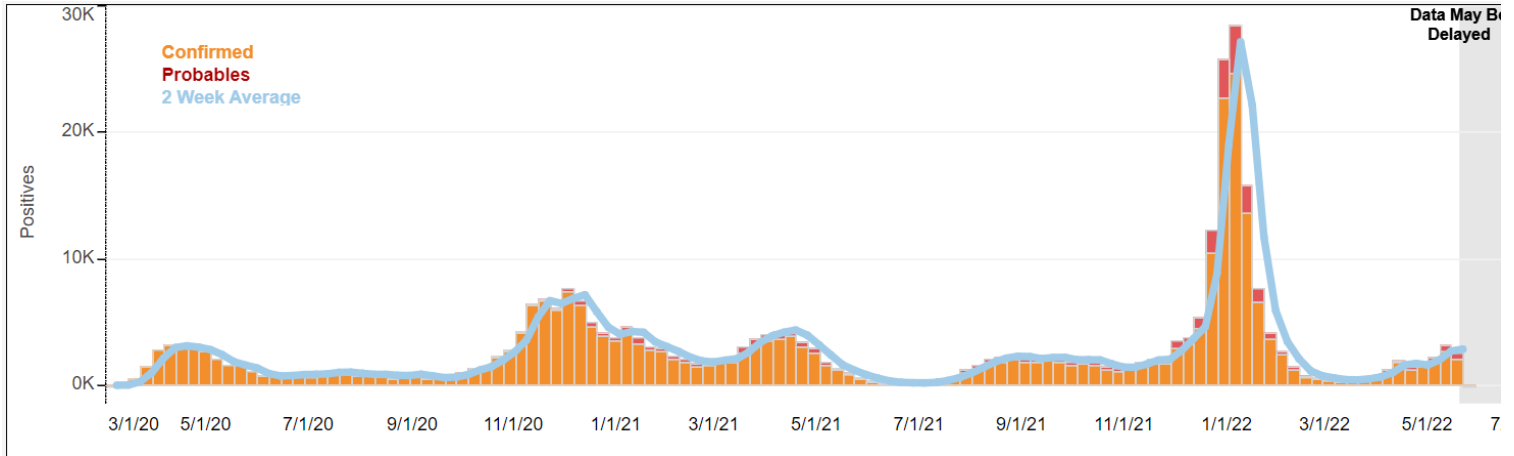
- Greater Philadelphia Coronavirus Helpline: 1 (800) 722-7112.
- Health Department COVID Call Center: 215-685-5488.
- Residents can text COVIDPHL to 888-777 to get updates sent to their phones.

PHILADELPHIA—In response to the CDC’s recommendation that children aged 5 through 11 receive a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine five months after being fully vaccinated, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health has issued this statement:

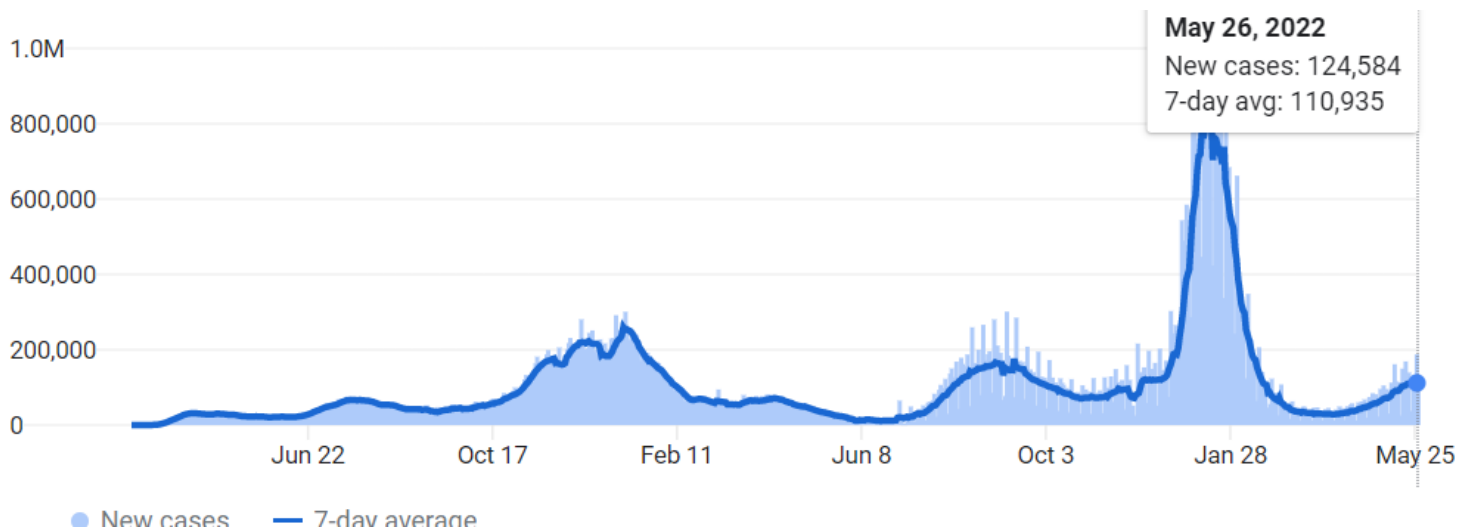
“Being up to date on your **COVID-19 vaccine** is one of **the best protections against hospitalization and death,**” said Health Commissioner Dr. Cheryl Bettigole. “**Boosters** are a key part of being as protected as you can be, and with today’s news, we can expand that extra layer of protection to children as young as five.”

Philadelphia COVID and Vaccine Status shown the two graph below





USA COVID 19 Status



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

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

[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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