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Current situation and risk to Philadelphia (Covid-19)

- Number of cases of COVID-19 in Philadelphia: 299,801
- Number of negative test results of COVID-19 in Philadelphia: 3,766,190
- Number of COVID-19 deaths in Philadelphia: 4,648
- Overall risk in Philadelphia: high risk of community transmission
- Last updated: 2/14/2022

What to do to prevent getting Covid-19:

- *Wet your hands with running water, lather them with soap, and scrub for at least 20 seconds. Be sure to wash the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails. After rinsing, dry your hands with a clean towel.*
- *Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.*
- *If you are using hand sanitizer, choose an alcohol-based product (60 percent alcohol or higher is recommended). Pour some into your palm and then rub it all over your hands and fingers until it dries (about 20 seconds).*
- *Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you sneeze or cough.*
- *If you don't have a tissue, try to cough or sneeze into your elbow.*
- *Throw away used tissues as soon as possible.*
- *Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after touching used tissues.*
- *Avoid touching your face if you haven't washed your hands.*

Security Code of the PHILADELPHIA HOME RULE CHARTER called "Display of Building Numbers"

Business owners/Residents must have the address numbers to the property in front of the business/house:

- (1) The owner of any building, house, condominium, condominium unit or other structure to which a number has been assigned by the Board of Revision of Taxes pursuant to subsection 19-1304(2) shall prominently display such number on such building, house, condominium, condominium unit or other structure.
- (2) The penalty for a violation of this Section shall be a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300). No action to enforce this Section with respect to a particular property shall be taken except in conjunction with action to enforce some other provision of The Philadelphia Code, or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto, with respect to the property in question.



CDC Updates and Shortens Recommended Isolation and Quarantine Period for General Population

- If You Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate) Stay home for 5 days.
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.



Philadelphia's vaccine mandate for indoor dining

Philadelphia's vaccine mandate for indoor dining is still mandatory as of right now. Currently, Employees must have received a second shot (if applicable, depending on which vaccine they received). Customers 5 years/3 months–11 years must have received a second shot. The good thing is, it could end this week, according to sources familiar with new rules outlining the process coming as soon as Wednesday from the city health department. If cases continue to decline, the mask mandate could also lift some time later.

<https://www.inquirer.com/health/coronavirus/mandate-vaccine-covid-mask-restaurant-hotel-philadelphia-20220214.html>

Get free at-home COVID-19 tests

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order #4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Order your tests now so you have them when you need them. Visit <https://special.usps.com/testkits> to order your free kits. If you are having trouble ordering them online, Call **1-800-232-0233**.

Upcoming Corridor Safety Enhancement Grant

The Commerce Department is pleased to announce that the Corridor (Safety) Enhancement Grant will be returning this year for small grants to community-based organizations working in business districts. Due to the source of funds of this year's grant, and in response to feedback from commercial corridor managers around the city, this opportunity will be focused on addressing public safety issues and perceptions of safety, on and around commercial corridors. Many projects that received this grant in the past, like community beautification efforts, lighting, security camera program fund-matching, and resource fair/community events, should still qualify as long as you draw a connection to perceptions of safety in your community. The grant amount will be \$10,000-\$34,000.

Resources and Loans

At Community First Fund (CFF), they know small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy and communities. CFF Small Business Loans target both start-ups and established businesses poised for growth that are unable to secure financing from traditional banks. CFF understands that every business is different. CFF lenders will work with you to determine the lending and technical assistance options that best suit your specific needs and financial situation. Their Small Business Loans fall into two categories which is *Microloan* and *Small Business Loan*. For more info visit <https://communityfirstfund.org/financing/small-business-loans/>

REMINDERS

Businesses with questions about how to comply with new restrictions should contact the Department of Commerce's Office of Business Services at business@phila.gov or 215-683-2100.

To report a business or other institution that is not following the City's COVID-19 restrictions, residents can call 3-1-1 or submit a request on Philly 311's website.

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