

Coalition Communication: Local Government



COVID-19 UPDATES

Decrease in Hospitalizations: Ohio continues to see downward COVID-19 hospitalization trends, particularly in the 80+ age group which was among the first groups to become eligible for the vaccine. In December, those 80+ made up more than 25% of Ohio's COVID hospitalizations. This month, that number has dropped to about 18%.

Provider Expansion: Ohio is expected to receive 310,000 first doses of vaccine next week. With this increase in vaccine doses, Ohio will expand the number of providers administering the vaccine to include additional independent pharmacies and some Meijer and Walmart locations. Providers currently receiving vaccines can expect to see an increase in their allotted doses. Find vaccine providers at vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Sporting/Entertainment Venues: Governor DeWine announced [capacity changes](#) for sporting and entertainment locations. These venues can reopen with 25% maximum indoor capacity and 30% maximum outdoor capacity.

Nursing Home Compassionate Care: Compassionate care visits at nursing homes are permitted regardless of coronavirus spread. If anyone in your community is having trouble scheduling a compassionate care visit, contact the Long-Term Care Ombudsman at 800-282-1206 or OhioOmbudsman@age.ohio.gov

Equity: Stay up to date on Ohio's work to achieve equity in its pandemic response. [A new website](#) offers resources to help local communities educate underserved communities about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Virtual Townhalls: Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccine Town Halls for the African American and Hispanic/Latino populations are now available on-demand at coronavirus.ohio.gov/townhall. Upcoming town halls for underserved populations: **Monday, March 1, 6:30 p.m. – Asian American/Pacific Islander Ohioans** & **Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m. – Rural Ohioans**. These events will be live streamed at facebook.com/OHdeptofhealth

KEY STATS

Data as of 2/25/2021

PUBLIC ADVISORY SYSTEM



21-DAY TRENDS

Case Average	2,374
Death Average *	267
Hospitalization Average	132
ICU Admission Average	14

*ODH continues to reconcile death data, which will result in fluctuations in death numbers.

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SUGGESTED SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Don't hesitate. Vaccinate. COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and rigorously tested. Encourage your family and friends to get the vaccine when it's their turn.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TI84NeQ9skc> #InThisTogetherOhio

It's OK to not be OK. Sometimes it's what you don't see that says the most. If you think someone you know may need emotional support, the @OhioMHAS CareLine can help: 1-800-720-9616. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKFrIJ_5SPI

Trust the Facts: #COVID19 vaccines will not change your DNA or alter your genetic makeup. Separate the myths from the facts bit.ly/VaccineFACTS #InThisTogetherOhio
(Use image from Vaccine Communications Toolkit)

One of the goals of Ohio's vaccination plan is to make sure that every Ohioan has nearby access to a vaccine provider no matter where they live in our state. Learn who is eligible for the vaccine right now and find a nearby provider at vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov #InThisTogetherOhio *(Map Image)*

TALKING POINTS FOR YOU

- COVID-19 vaccines are scarce, and we must be patient while demand for the vaccine remains higher than the available supply. As vaccine supply increases, more and more Ohioans in Phase 1B will be able to be vaccinated. Eventually, as vaccine becomes widely available, all Ohioans who choose to be vaccinated will be able to receive COVID-19 vaccines.
- Keep yourself safe and keep businesses open by masking up, backing up, washing up, and avoiding crowds.
- Whether you hear myths on social media, at work, or from friends or family, there is a lot of dangerous misinformation out there about COVID-19 vaccines. The truth is that COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and rigorously tested.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ✓ Set a good example, by wearing a mask, making virtual accommodations, and maintaining social distance when meeting face-to-face with others.
- ✓ Post on social media to describe how you are working to keep your employees and customers safe (and what they can do to help you maintain a safe environment) using the suggested hashtags.
- ✓ Submit letters to the editor or local news outlets that support the "COVID-19 Key Messages;" wear a mask, wash hands often, and social distance.

RESOURCES

HASHTAGS TO USE

#InThisTogetherOhio
#MasksOnOhio
#StaySafeOhio
#ResponsibleRestartOhio

VACCINE RESOURCES

[COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#)
[Vaccine Provider Locations](#)
[Vaccine Communications Toolkit](#)
[Vaccination Distribution Factsheet](#)
[K-12 Vaccination Factsheet](#)
[COVID Vaccine Myths vs. Facts](#)
[Phase 1A Graphic](#)
[Phase 1B Graphic](#)

LATEST UPDATES

[Public Health Orders](#)
[News Releases](#)
[Sector-Specific Requirements](#)
[Myths vs. Facts: COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

VIDEOS

[Remember When](#)
[Limit Your Risk](#)
[COVID-19 is Unpredictable](#)
[Nurses: We Need Your Help](#)
[Grit \(Clark Kellogg PSA\)](#)

GRAPHICS

[Ohio Careline](#)
[Vaccine Phased Approach](#)
[Masks Required/Capacity](#)
[What You Can Do](#)
[Social Distancing](#)
[All Printables](#)

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