

Coalition Communication: **PreK-12 Education** 

Updated 2/26/2021



# **COVID-19 UPDATES**

#### Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccine Town Halls underway

There are a lot of myths about COVID-19 vaccines. Ohio's COVID-19 Town Halls will help answer questions and provide access to accurate information about vaccines. Hear from medical experts, community leaders, and public health professionals. Watch livestreams on Facebook, YouTube, and at coronavirus.ohio.gov/townhall at the following dates and times:

- Monday, March 1, 6:30 p.m. Focus on concerns of Asian American and Pacific Islander Ohioans
- Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m. Focus on concerns of those living in rural Ohio

#### When can I get my COVID-19 vaccine? Ohioans eligible:

- ✓ Age 65+
- Those with intellectual or developmental disabilities and specific medical conditions listed in the <u>Priority Populations Fact Sheet</u>.
- ✓ Employees of K-12 schools
- Ohioans born with or who have early childhood conditions that are carried into adulthood, which put them at a higher risk for adverse outcomes due to COVID-19.

# **EDUCATION INFORMATION**

- 416 Ohio school districts are operating with a five-day in-person education delivery model.
- 10 Ohio school districts are operating with a fully remote education delivery model.
- 178 Ohio school districts are operating with an all-hybrid education delivery model (a mix of in-person and remote education, whereby every student has access to at least some in-person classes).
- 5 Ohio school districts are operating with a partially hybrid education delivery model (a mix of in-person and remote education, whereby some students have access to at least some in-person classes).

\*Many schools are holding in-person classes while offering an online option for those who prefer that route or who require it for health reasons. Data compiled 02/23/21. Information is subject to frequent change and does not represent an official categorization by the Ohio Department of Education.

### **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.

### WE WANT TO HELP YOU!

If we can help you assemble materials or if you have suggestions for the Ohio Department of Education team, please contact Mandy Minick at 614-816-4451 or by emailing <a href="Mandy.Minick@education.ohio.gov">Mandy.Minick@education.ohio.gov</a>



# SUGGESTED SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

We know this has been a challenging year for our learners. Learning Aid Ohio provides much needed assistance to families with students on IEPs. Families can visit <a href="https://www.learningohio.com">https://www.learningohio.com</a> to apply for and get matched with a supplemental learning provider. #InThisTogetherOhio

It's OK to ask for help. If you are feeling lonely, or having emotions such as sadness, depression or anxiety, call the Ohio Careline at 1-800-720-9616. There are behavioral health professionals ready to connect with you. #InThisTogetherOhio <a href="https://youtu.be/QKFrIJ\_5SPI">https://youtu.be/QKFrIJ\_5SPI</a>

What's a safe way to keep your child's mask nearby while they eat or drink? @OHDeptOfHealth provides these tips to properly wear and store masks during the day. #MasksOnOhio #StaySafeOhio

[Link to download and embed video: http://progressive.powerstream.net/008/00153/Child\_Mask.mp4]

We know you have questions about the #COVID19 vaccine, like "Are they effective?" and "What are the side effects?" Learn this and more in the COVID-19 vaccine FAQ https://bit.ly/OhioVaccineFAQ

# TALKING POINTS FOR YOU

- We're so proud of our students and staff for all the ways they are working to keep one another safe. They continue to do a tremendous job of wearing their masks, washing their hands and keeping a distance from others.
- Everyone has a part to play in lowering the spread of the virus. Thank you to our community members for showing our students and staff that you care by wearing your mask, washing your hands and remembering to social distance.
- Finally, the stress and worry of the pandemic can have adverse effects on children and adults. If you or someone you know, is suffering, seek help. The Crisis Text Line is: Text "4Hope" to 741 741. Ohio's Careline is: 1-800-720-9616. Text the Crisis Text Line or call the Careline for free, confidential connection to licensed providers.

# **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 staff and students 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.
- ✓ Participate in local media/radio interviews to support "COVID-19 Key Messages," and help showcase how you and your colleagues are supporting Ohio's Responsible Restart.

## **RESOURCES**

#### **HASHTAGS TO USE**

#InThisTogetherOhio #ResponsibleRestartOhio #MasksOnOhio #StaySafeOhio

#### LATEST UPDATES

Public Health Orders
News Releases
Town Halls Toolkit
Average Weekly
Vaccinations

#### **VIDEOS**

The Road Back Limit Your Risk

Don and Doff Mask Procedure (Child)

<u>Don and Doff Mask</u> Procedure (Adolescent)

#### **RESOURCES**

Ohio Department of Health:
COVID-19 Health and
Prevention Guidance for
Ohio K-12 Schools

COVID-19 Fact Sheet Ohio
K12 School Staff
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