



### **COVID-19 UPDATES**

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

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. Asian American and Pacific Islander Ohioans
- Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m. Rural Ohioans

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

- ✓ Age 65+
- Those with severe congenital or developmental disorders and medical conditions listed in the Priority Populations Fact Sheet.
- 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, may choose to receive the vaccine at the provider of their choice, but will be asked by their vaccine provider to confirm that they are, in fact, eligible at this time.

### INDUSTRY INFORMATION

- Governor DeWine announced there will be updates to the guidelines for sporting and entertainment venues, which will include safety protocols. More information will be released the week of March 1. New guidance for proms, banquets, wedding receptions, fairs, festivals and parades will be forthcoming.
- Do you have employees who may be eligible for COVID-19 vaccines at this time? Help them prepare for their appointment using this <u>fact sheet to guide</u> <u>patients through the process before, during, and after vaccination.</u>
- Individuals who believe their identity was stolen and used to file a fraudulent unemployment claim can visit <u>unemployment.ohio.gov</u>, click on the "Report Identity Theft" button and follow the guidance for individuals. This includes three steps: 1. Complete the reporting form, 2. File your taxes using IRS guidance, and 3. Protect your identity.

### **KEY STATS**

Data as of 2/11/2021

# 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!



# SUGGESTED SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Your bubble is actually a lot larger than you think. Remember #MasksOnOhio and practice social distancing. #InThisTogetherOhio (Attach "bubble" infographic)

Want to support your favorite museum, art gallery, or historic site? Purchase a membership or gift card for future use. #ArtsOhio #SupportLocalOhio

Our road back is just beginning, and we need your help. Please continue to social distance and wear a mask, until we're all protected and back to the way we remember. #InThisTogetherOhio https://youtu.be/yLlyeq7juls

Curious about COVID-19 vaccines, their safety, and efficacy? Educate yourself by reading what is a myth, and what is a fact, about COVID-19 vaccines. Check out 

Myths vs. Facts: COVID-19 Vaccine

### 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.
- Trust the facts: the COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the U.S. were rigorously tested and do not give you COVID-19 or cause a positive COVID-19 test.
- We have to do all that we can to continue protecting ourselves and others from contracting and spreading COVID-19. It's important that we continue to wash our hands regularly, maintain social distancing, and wear our masks anytime we are out with others.

## 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.
- $\checkmark$  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 in the industry are supporting Ohio's Responsible Restart.

### RESOURCES

#### **HASHTAGS TO USE**

#InThisTogetherOhio #OhioSmallBusinesses #ResponsibleRestartOhio #MasksOnOhio #StaySafeOhio

#### LATEST UPDATES

COVID-19 Vaccination
Program
Public Health Orders
News Releases
Sector-Specific
Requirements
Myths vs. Facts: COVID-19
Vaccine

What to know before, during, and after getting a COVID-19 vaccine

#### **VIDEOS**

The Road Back
COVID-19 is Unpredictable

Ohio Nurses: We Need Your Help

PSA Message About Receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine

### **GRAPHICS**

Average Weekly
Vaccinations
COVID-19 Vaccines: Ohio's
Phased Approach Masks
Required/Capacity
What You Can Do
Social Distancing
All Printables

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If we can help you assemble materials or if you have suggestions for the Ohio Development Services Agency team please contact Penny Martin at (614) 425-8342 or by emailing Penny.Martin@development.ohio.gov