

# OHIO VACCINE PREPAREDNESS OFFICE WEEKLY UPDATE

## PANDEMIC VACCINE NEWS & UPDATES THIS WEEK

- **New groups eligible for vaccination** – On Monday, March 8, Governor Mike DeWine announced, in response to the increased vaccine supply, [expanded eligibility](#) for Ohioans.
  - **Phase 2B, effective March 11**, extends age-based vaccine eligibility to [age 50 and older](#) due to the risk of more severe reactions and outcomes of COVID-19 increasing with age. This opens vaccination to approximately 1.2 million additional Ohioans.
  - **Phase 1D, effective March 11**, includes approximately 197,000 eligible Ohioans under the age of 50 with certain medical conditions not addressed in previous phases.
    - People with type 2 diabetes.
    - People with end-stage renal disease.
- **New Vaccine Management Solution is live** - The [Vaccine Management Solution \(VMS\) scheduling website](#) launched to the public March 8. The [VMS is an all-in-one tool](#) to help Ohioans determine vaccine eligibility, find providers, and receive updates. Check your eligibility and book an appointment now at [gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](#). Ohioans can access [gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](#) on a smartphone, computer, or tablet, with no additional downloads needed. It will simplify the scheduling process, allowing Ohioans to find providers nearby, schedule appointments, and get reminders. If someone isn't yet eligible, they can enter additional information and sign up to be alerted when eligibility is expanded.
- **Mass vaccination sites** - The State of Ohio is sponsoring 18 [mass vaccination clinics](#) to ensure all Ohioans have access to COVID-19 vaccine as it becomes more widely available. Any Ohioan who is eligible to receive the vaccine under the Ohio Department of Health's vaccination plan will be able to get a vaccination at any of Ohio's mass vaccination clinics.
  - A **Cleveland** clinic will open March 17 at the Wolstein Center at Cleveland State University and run for eight weeks.
  - **Columbus** and **Cincinnati** pop-up clinics will be held March 18-21 and April 8-11 at St. John Arena at Ohio State University and March 18-20 and April 8-10 at the Cintas Center at Xavier University.
  - Mobile clinics will distribute vaccine in four regions: northwest/west-central Ohio, southeast Ohio, north-central Ohio, and east-central Ohio.
  - Long-term clinics will operate in Akron, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Lima, Marietta, Maumee, Wilmington, Youngstown, and Zanesville.
- **New CDC guidelines for fully vaccinated individuals** – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued recommendations on activities that people who are **fully vaccinated** against COVID-19 can safely resume. A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the last required dose of vaccine.
  - Fully vaccinated individuals can visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or staying 6 feet apart, visit with unvaccinated people from one other household indoors without wearing masks or staying 6 feet apart if everyone in the other household is at low risk for severe disease, and refrain from quarantine and testing if they do not have symptoms of COVID-19 after close contact and possible exposure.
  - Fully vaccinated individuals should continue to take COVID-19 precautions including wearing masks and social distancing when in public, when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple other households, and when around unvaccinated people who are at [high risk of getting severely ill](#) from COVID-19. [Read the full recommendation on the CDC website.](#)
- **Ohio changing travel guidance for COVID-19** - The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), will no longer issue a travel advisory for those entering Ohio after traveling to states reporting positive testing rates of 15% or higher. Instead, ODH is revising its travel guidance to encourage Ohioans to carefully review Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance when considering travel. Complete CDC guidance on travel can be found here: [Domestic Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).

## RESOURCES

### RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC

[coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine](#)

[Vaccine Management Solution \(VMS\) scheduling website for Ohioans](#)

[What to know about VMS: Training resources, FAQs](#)

[COVID-19 mass vaccination clinics across Ohio](#)

[Ohio's Phased Approach](#)

[Priority Populations Distribution Fact Sheet](#)

[Phase 1C eligibility](#)

[Phase 1D eligibility](#)

[Phase 2B eligibility](#)

[Myths vs. Facts](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccines FAQ](#)

[Safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines](#)

[Trust the facts graphics](#)

[Understanding how the different vaccines work](#)

[Preparing for your COVID-19 vaccination](#)

[Acceptable forms of ID](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions: COVID-19 variants](#)

[Communications Resources Hub](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Quarantine](#)

## TALKING POINTS

The most trusted voices when it comes to information about COVID-19 are an individual's personal physician, medical experts, and emergency room doctors, public health officials, and local and community leaders. These talking points are designed to help you communicate the most current information.

- All available COVID-19 vaccines have been proven safe and effective at preventing serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. Getting vaccinated with the first vaccine available to you can help protect you.
- In the early stages of COVID-19 vaccine distribution, doses are available in limited supply for specific critical populations. As supply increases, COVID-19 vaccines will be available to all Ohioans who choose to be vaccinated.
- Some vaccines, including the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, require two doses taken a few weeks apart. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, is a single-dose vaccine, meaning you only need one shot.
- Side effects are mild, and are normal signs that your body is building protection. Similar to side effects from other vaccines, like a flu shot, they should go away in a few days. Some people have reported experiencing soreness or redness at the site of the injection, body aches, headaches, or fever, lasting for a day or two. Severe reactions, or anaphylaxes, are rare. If you have allergies — especially severe ones that include allergies to other vaccines or ingredients in the vaccines — discuss the COVID-19 vaccine with your doctor, who can assess your risk and provide more information about if and how you can get vaccinated safely. Ohio, CDC and FDA are monitoring the distribution and any negative reactions to the vaccine.
- Vaccines are available at locations across the state, including hospitals, local health departments, federally qualified health centers, and pharmacies. Find out if you are currently eligible, locate a provider, and book an appointment near you at [gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov). In addition, a list of providers statewide is available online at [vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov).
- The COVID-19 vaccine development process included several steps comparable with those used to develop earlier vaccines, such as the flu or chickenpox vaccine. The FDA and independent medical experts have ensured that every detail of these vaccines is thoroughly and rigorously evaluated.
- Using all the tools available to help prevent the spread of the virus continues to be critical until a substantial number of Ohioans can be vaccinated. Continuing to wear masks and social distance will reduce your chance of being exposed to or spreading the virus. Proper prevention measures — like wearing a mask, washing your hands, and practicing social distancing — coupled with the vaccine, will provide the best protection from COVID-19.

## SOCIAL MEDIA POST IDEAS

- Until a substantial number of Ohioans can be vaccinated, proper prevention, like wearing masks & social distancing, will reduce your chance of being exposed to or spreading the virus during the pandemic. <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine>
- What is the difference between the available COVID-19 vaccines, and how do they work? Learn more about the different vaccines and how they work <http://bit.ly/AboutVaccinesOhio>
- All the available #COVID19 vaccines have been proven safe and effective at preventing serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. Getting vaccinated with the first vaccine available to you can help protect you from COVID-19. Learn more <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine>
- Where can I get my COVID-19 vaccine? Check your eligibility, find appointments near you, and get scheduled at Ohio's one-stop Vaccine Management Solution (VMS). Learn more at <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov>. #GetTheShot
- When you get a COVID-19 vaccine, you can expect pain and soreness in the arm where you got the shot. Other common side effects are fever, chills, headache, and tiredness. These side effects are normal as your body creates an immune response to protect you from COVID-19, and may increase with the second dose. Learn more about what to expect in this video from the @CDC <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EILCpte7GSw>

## PFIZER RESOURCES

[Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet for Patients](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## MODERNA RESOURCES

[EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## JOHNSON & JOHNSON RESOURCES

[EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## CDC RESOURCES

[Vaccinate with Confidence](#)

[About V-Safe after vaccination health checker](#)

[Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[Vaccine safety](#)

[What to know about different COVID-19 vaccines](#)

[How to protect yourselves, others after you've been fully vaccinated](#)

[Guidance on travel](#)

[Possible side effects after COVID-19 vaccine](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Specific Groups](#)

[COVID-19 Data Tracker](#)

[How to display CDC content on your website, apps and social media](#)