

# OHIO VACCINE PREPAREDNESS OFFICE WEEKLY UPDATE

## PANDEMIC VACCINE NEWS & UPDATES THIS WEEK

- **Where those with disabilities should go to schedule vaccines** – The Ohio Department of Health has received questions about scheduling vaccinations for those with developmental or intellectual disabilities and certain qualifying medical conditions. This language has been clarified for the public. **If someone believes they fall into this category:**
  - County boards of developmental disabilities will reach out to them to coordinate vaccination if they are already receiving services from the board and it knows that they qualify.
  - If someone has not been contacted, or if they do not receive services through a board of developmental disabilities, they must reach out to the [board in their county](#) to coordinate their vaccination.
  - The board will work with a children’s hospital or a local health department to schedule the vaccination appointment. Vaccinations will only be given at local health departments or participating children’s hospitals in conjunction with the local boards. **Patients should not go to their local pharmacy for scheduling or vaccination.**
- **K-12 School Staff Vaccination Program underway** – Beginning this week, school employees who are necessary to the operation of in-person instruction for K-12 students will be eligible for vaccination. This includes adults in district buildings who regularly interact with students, such as teachers and long-term subs, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, environmental and building services, office personnel, paid coaches, etc. Schedules of vaccinations are available at the following links:
  - [Week 1](#) (beginning Feb. 1)
  - [Week 2](#) (beginning Feb. 8)
  - [Week 3](#) (beginning Feb. 15)
  - [Week 4](#) (beginning Feb. 22)
- **Do not hold back second doses from first-dose shipments of vaccine** – All providers who have vaccine recipients due for a second dose will receive a second-dose shipment closer to the time that the second dose is due. The Ohio Department of Health will also send you an email notification regarding an impending second-dose vaccine shipment a couple of days before you receive that shipment.
- **Acceptable forms of identification** – In effort to confirm someone’s identity, name, and age. ID that is expired or from another state or country will still be accepted. Providers should make it known if any additional documentation (such as an employee ID or pay stub) is required to verify eligibility. Some acceptable forms of identification are:
  - Driver license or any photo ID, regardless of expiration date or place of origin.
  - Active/retired military ID.
  - Physician statement (including shot records).
  - Census records.
  - Adoption records.
  - Naturalization certificate.
  - Birth certificate: Birth record, either original or certified copy.
  - Consulate ID or matricula consular.
  - Department of State forms.
  - Military service records (DD-214)
  - Certification of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States (FS-545)
  - Certification of Report of Birth Abroad of a United States Citizen (DS-1350)
  - Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America (FS-240)
  - Passport or a passport card.
  - Certificate of citizenship.
  - Permanent resident card.
  - Application for replacement naturalization/citizenship document.

## RESOURCES

### HOW TO ENROLL

[Pandemic Vaccine Provider Enrollment Information](#)

### PROVIDER RESOURCES

[Pandemic Vaccine Provider Resource Page](#)

[FAQ for Health Providers](#)

[Phase 1B guidance](#)



### PFIZER RESOURCES

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

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

### MODERNA RESOURCES

[EUA Fact Sheet for Vaccination Providers](#)

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

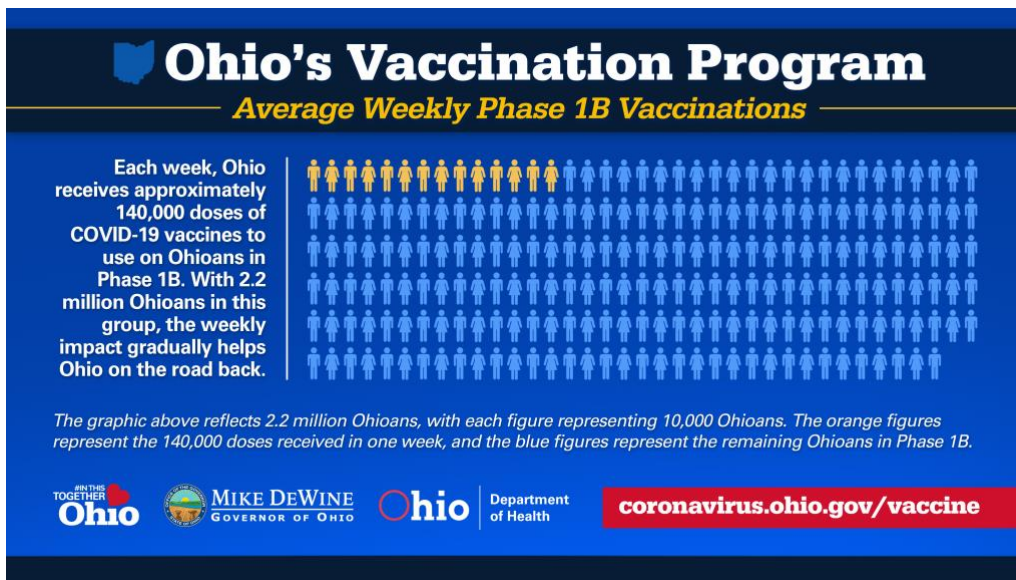
### VACCINE COMMUNICATIONS TOOLKIT

This [toolkit](#) will be expanded with additional resources but is being provided now to support your immediate needs.

## 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, followed by public health officials.

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.
- In the early stages of COVID-19 vaccine distribution, doses will be available in limited supply for specific critical populations as a part of phased approach. As supply increases, COVID-19 vaccines will be available to all Ohioans who choose to be vaccinated.
- Vaccines are in short supply in Ohio and across the country. Each week, the federal government will inform Ohio of its statewide vaccine allocation, and providers will be notified of how many doses of vaccine they will be receiving the following week.
- It will take time to distribute all of the vaccine given the limited doses available. So, someone who is 80 or older, for example, will still be able to be vaccinated in the coming weeks as additional age groups become eligible.
- The vaccine has been shown to decrease the severity of illness in people who catch this virus. Having a significant portion of Ohioans vaccinated will help us prevent serious hospitalizations and death.
- 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.
- You should continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing after being vaccinated. While the vaccine should protect you from becoming sick with COVID-19, not enough is known about whether or not you can still carry the virus and spread it to others. At this time, those who get the vaccine should continue to wear masks and practice social distancing.
- Each week, Ohio receives approximately 140,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to use on Ohioans in Phase 1B. With 2.2 million Ohioans in this group, the weekly impact gradually helps Ohio on the road back.



## RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC

[coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine)

[Ohio's Phased Approach](#)

[Priority Populations Distribution Fact Sheet](#)

[Phase 1B Distribution Graphic and medical conditions](#)

[Myths vs. Facts](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccines FAQ](#)

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

[Trust the facts graphic](#)

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## CDC RESOURCES

[Communications Toolkit for Medical Centers, Clinics and Clinicians](#)

[Vaccinate with Confidence](#)

[Understanding How COVID-19 Vaccines Work](#)

[Understanding COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines](#)

[About V-Safe](#)

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

[What to Expect at Your Vaccine Appointment](#)

[Ensuring Safety of Vaccines](#)

[Different Vaccines](#)

## SOCIAL MEDIA POST IDEAS

- Vaccines are available at nearly 1,000 locations across Ohio – like pharmacies, local health departments, federally qualified health centers, and hospitals. Find a provider near you with the statewide search tool <http://vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov>.
- Safe. Effective. Rigorously tested. #COVID19 vaccines are rolling out to older Ohioans. While it will take time before it is available for everyone, it's the best way to protect our health and help Ohio on the road to recovery. <https://youtu.be/p0-MgPCQFhk>