

Coalition Communication: Local Government



COVID-19 UPDATES

Communities can now more aggressively test for COVID-19: Ohio is investing in [at least two million BinaxNow rapid antigen tests for at-home, self-administration](#). Test results are returned within 15 minutes with the help of a telehealth proctor.

Curfew Extension: Ohio's 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew has been extended.

Food assistance for kids: The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program has been [extended](#) through the end of the school year.

Now being issued: Supplemental weekly \$300 [Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation payments](#) are now being provided to eligible unemployment claimants.

Unemployment Insurance Fraud: An increase in identity theft is expected as tax season approaches. If a citizen receives a 1099 form from the Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services but did not apply for unemployment benefits, please [take these steps](#) to help resolve the issue.

VACCINATION UPDATE

[Phase 1B](#) vaccinations for Ohio citizens ages 80 and older began on Jan. 19. Beginning on Monday, January 25, vaccinations will also be open to Ohioans 75 years of age and older and those with severe [congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders](#) **and** a developmental or intellectual disability.

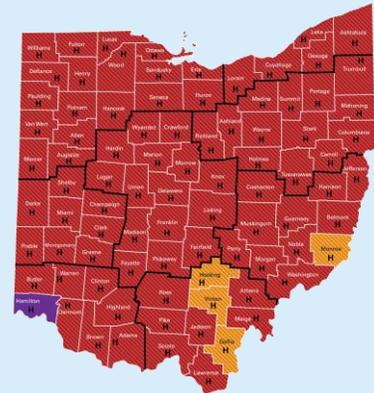
Additional Phase 1B groups will be eligible for vaccination [in February](#), including employees of K-12 districts committed to full or partial in-person learning. School districts must choose a retail pharmacy partner secured by the state or an existing local partnership to administer the vaccinations to school personnel.

Additional phases have not yet been announced. Due to the limited number of doses being provided to Ohio from the federal government, it currently estimated that will take significant time to complete the current phase. To find a list of vaccine providers near you, visit vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov.

KEY STATS

Data as of 1/21/2021

PUBLIC ADVISORY SYSTEM



21-DAY TRENDS

Case Average	7,111
Death Average	74
Hospitalization Average	285
ICU Admission Average	28

WE WANT TO HELP YOU!

If we can help you assemble materials or if you have suggestions for Governor DeWine's Local Government team, please contact [Jill Del Greco](#) at 614-420-6954 or jill.delgreco@governor.ohio.gov



SUGGESTED SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

👉 If you or a loved one is 75 or older – you can get your vaccine! 🗺️ Visit [LOCAL WEBSITE] or vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov to learn which providers have received vaccines. Contact individual providers to learn how to get scheduled.

(Suggested [image](#))

Phase 1B of vaccine distribution is now underway in Ohio! Here's a timeline on who can get vaccinated and when. 📅 Visit [LOCAL WEBSITE] or vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov to learn which providers are offering vaccines.

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Vaccine distribution is limited in Ohio and across the country. Until the vaccine is more readily available, please continue following Ohio's safety protocol:

☑️ Mask up

☑️ Back up

☑️ Wash up

We're #InThisTogetherOhio!

(Suggested [image](#))

TALKING POINTS FOR YOU

■ vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov is an online resource for Ohioans to learn which providers received a COVID-19 vaccine allotment and how to contact them. If you or someone you know is eligible to receive a vaccine in Phase 1B, they should use this tool. This is not a scheduling tool; it provides information only. Individuals should contact the provider directly to schedule a vaccination.

■ While there is no mandate to receive a vaccine, vaccinations are extremely limited. Ohioans should be aware that, due to vaccine shortages, anyone who declines the vaccine at their first opportunity may not have another chance to receive it for some time.

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.

✓ 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.

Please use these talking points and social media posts to help amplify the message about the importance of slowing the spread of COVID-19. High spread impacts the health of your employees and the public. Encouraging safe practices will help slow the spread in your community.

HASHTAGS TO USE

#InThisTogetherOhio

#MasksOnOhio

#StaySafeOhio

#ResponsibleRestartOhio

VACCINE RESOURCES



[Ohio Vaccine Finder](#)



[Vaccine Fact Sheet](#)



[Vaccination Communication Toolkit](#)



[Myths vs. Facts](#)

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