

# OHIO VACCINE PREPAREDNESS OFFICE WEEKLY UPDATE

## PANDEMIC VACCINE NEWS & UPDATES THIS WEEK

- **Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine update** – Administration of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine remains paused pending further study of a rare blood clot called “cerebral venous sinus thrombosis” (CVST) **seen** in combination with low levels of blood platelets (thrombocytopenia) in six vaccine recipients. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommended the temporary pause out of an abundance of caution. **The CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will reconvene Friday, April 23, to continue its review of these rare cases, and assess their potential significance.** The FDA will review that analysis as it also studies these cases.
- **BEST PRACTICES: Strategies to help expand vaccine access** – As vaccine supply, demand, and administration strategies continue to evolve, providers should use new approaches to make vaccine readily available to the people in their communities.
  - **Offer flexibility in appointments, allow walk-ins** – Ensure vaccination sites are open during a variety of hours, including different days of the week, evenings, and weekends, to accommodate different work schedules. Allow walk-in appointments on specific days or during specific hours.
  - **Build partnerships for vaccinations** – Vaccine providers are encouraged to identify partnership opportunities with employers or community and faith-based organizations in their area to plan convenient vaccination clinics at worksites, places of worship, community organization sites, or your location. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has launched a new webpage with [resources for providers, businesses, and community organizations](#) to help plan these closed-clinic vaccination opportunities, including guidance and a list of providers willing to form partnerships. Vaccine providers are also encouraged to identify partnership opportunities with local school districts to plan clinics for eligible high school students ages 16 or 17 at schools or at your location.
- **Equity Pop-Up Clinics** – ODH is partnering with pharmacies, federally qualified health centers, and community organizations on a series of pop-up vaccination clinics as part of ongoing efforts to ensure equitable access to the vaccines for minority populations. Advanced registration is encouraged; walk-ins are welcome.
  - **Columbus:** Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Tri Pharmacy, 1570 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. [www.triopharmacy.com](http://www.triopharmacy.com).
  - **Cincinnati:** Sunday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, 3458 Reading Road, Cincinnati. [www.ulgso.org/covid-19](http://www.ulgso.org/covid-19) or text “vaccine” to 797979.
  - **Akron:** Saturday, May 1, and Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to noon, City of Joy Life Enrichment Center, 610 W. Exchange St., Akron.
- **Cleveland mass vaccination clinic to offer first doses** – Ohio’s mass vaccination clinic at the Wolstein Center in downtown Cleveland is now booking first-dose appointments for next week. The mass vaccination site has been offering only second doses for the past three weeks. First doses of the Pfizer vaccine will be offered April 27 to May 3. Visit the [ODH mass vaccination clinics webpage](#) for the latest updates about the Wolstein Center clinics, as well as schedules for mass vaccination clinics around the state.
- **New PSAs to share** – ODH has launched three new public service announcements that encourage Ohioans to get vaccinated.
  - **What’s in the Vaccine?** Frederic Bertley, Ph.D., president and CEO of COSI, explains what’s in the COVID-19 vaccines.
  - Don’t Hesitate. Vaccinate. (**“Hopeful” PSA**) Vaccinated Ohioans share optimism about what they can’t wait to do again, including attending concerts and sports events, and going out with friends.

## RESOURCES

### HOW TO ENROLL

[Vaccine Provider Enrollment Information](#)

### PROVIDER RESOURCES

[Vaccine Provider Resources Page](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccination Program for Businesses and Organizations](#)

[Phase 2D guidance](#)

[Provider Guidance on Vaccine Administration Fees](#)

### RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC

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

[Get the Shot vaccine scheduling system](#)

[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](#)

[Communications Resources Hub](#)

[Mass vaccination clinics](#)

## 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. These talking points are designed to help you communicate the most current information.

- All available COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. Getting vaccinated with the first vaccine available to you can help protect you.
- You may have side effects after vaccination, but these are normal. 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.
- It typically takes two weeks after you are fully vaccinated for the body to build protection (immunity) against the virus that causes COVID-19. You should keep using all the tools available to protect yourself and others until you are fully vaccinated. After you are fully vaccinated, you may be able to start doing some things you had stopped doing because of the pandemic.
- 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>
- 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>
- What's in the #COVID19 vaccines? Just a few ingredients – less than a candy bar, or a can of pop. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Gg5ETxxspA>
- How will you feel once you're fully vaccinated? Don't hesitate, vaccinate! #TakeTheShot #InThisTogetherOhio [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGOEGaiDi\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGOEGaiDi_o)

## COVID-19 VACCINE COMMUNICATIONS TOOLKIT

This [toolkit](#) offers talking points, language tips, social media language and trusted resources to help you better communicate about the safe, effective COVID-19 vaccines.

### PFIZER RESOURCES

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

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

### MODERNA RESOURCES

[EUA Fact Sheet for Vaccination Providers](#)

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

### JOHNSON & JOHNSON RESOURCES

[EUA Fact Sheet for Vaccination Providers](#)

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

### CDC RESOURCES

[Vaccinate with Confidence](#)

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

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

[Vaccine safety](#)

[Free printable resources](#)

[COVID-19 Toolkits](#)

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

[COVID-19 Vaccine Training Modules](#)