

# OHIO VACCINE PREPAREDNESS OFFICE WEEKLY UPDATE

## PANDEMIC VACCINE NEWS & UPDATES THIS WEEK

- **FDA/CDC UPDATES: Pfizer vaccine authorization expected for youth** – On Monday, May 10, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration updated the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to include adolescents 12 through 15 years of age. This is the first step toward expanded use of the vaccine in youth. This is promising news in Ohio's ongoing vaccination efforts, but Ohio must await final authorization from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on expanded use of the Pfizer vaccine. The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 12, to make recommendations to the CDC for updated clinical considerations for the Pfizer vaccine's use in adolescents. Upon action by both CDC and the FDA, Ohio plans to immediately allow expansion of its eligibility criteria to pave the way for those vaccinations to begin.
  - Pfizer also has submitted an application to the FDA seeking full FDA licensure of its COVID-19 vaccine. More than 170 million doses of Pfizer's vaccine have been administered since it was granted an EUA on Dec. 11, 2020. The FDA analysis and approval process are expected to take months. Pfizer is the first of the COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers to seek full licensure. Moderna is expected to follow this month.
- **WEBINAR: Best practices for vaccinating children** – The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Ohio chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) will present a webinar on Wednesday, May 12, at 5 p.m. to review and discuss provider enrollment requirements and best practices around COVID-19 vaccinations for children. Register and submit your questions in advance at <http://ohioaap.org/covidwebinar>.
- **NEW RESOURCES:** ODH offers the following new resources at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov):
  - **Workplace vaccinations** – ODH has created new [resources for businesses or organizations](#) interested in partnering with providers to plan special vaccination clinics for employees or members. Resources available on the [COVID-19 Vaccination Program for Businesses and Organizations page](#) include a communications toolkit, planning checklists and printable fillable flyers and printable posters promoting vaccination. Providers who are interested in partnering with businesses for vaccination clinics can be added to ODH's list of provider partners by [filling out this form](#).
  - **Vaccinations for homebound individuals** – Homebound individuals are a vulnerable population that may require special planning and accommodations to support in-home vaccinations. The Ohio Department of Aging and ODH offer suggestions for operational planning based on best practices being implemented across Ohio in the [Homebound Vaccinations Playbook](#).
  - **ASL videos** – As part of efforts to make COVID-19 information and vaccine information accessible to all Ohioans, including those with disabilities, ODH, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities and the Community Centers for the Deaf across Ohio have partnered to create a series of vaccine education videos. These videos are posted in the Equity and High-Risk Groups tab in the Communications Resources Hub. The [Communications Resources Hub on the Equity and High-Risk Groups webpage](#) at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov) has various resources for high-risk groups, including those with disabilities such as plain-language resources and social narratives. More ASL videos will be posted as they are made available.
- **Cleveland mass vaccination clinic expands schedule** – Ohio's mass vaccination clinic at the [Wolstein Center in downtown Cleveland](#) has expanded its schedule through at least the end of May and is now accepting walk-ins daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Appointments also can be scheduled at the clinic seven days a week using Ohio's [Get the Shot](#) scheduling website or by calling 1-833-427-5634.
  - May 11-17: Johnson & Johnson single dose
  - May 18-31: Pfizer vaccine

## RESOURCES

### HOW TO ENROLL

[Vaccine Provider Enrollment Information](#)

### PROVIDER RESOURCES

[Vaccine Provider Resources Page](#)

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

[Homebound Vaccinations Playbook](#)

[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](#)

## SPOTLIGHT: INNOVATIVE IDEAS

**BRINGING THE VACCINE TO NEIGHBORHOODS** – The Cincinnati Health Department is offering COVID-19 vaccination mobile sites in neighborhoods around the city. The department meets people where they are, partnering with influencers and trusted voices.

- Last week, the health department hosted a mobile vaccination clinic at Price Hill Library. It also hosted a mobile vaccination clinic at the Hartwell Recreation Center that doubled as a block party that included music and treats. The health department also partnered with Winston Hills Community Presbyterian Church on a vaccination event at the church with free snacks provided by Happy Pizza.
- Melba R. Moore, DBA, MS, CPHA, health commissioner for Cincinnati Health Department, said these approaches offer convenience and a safe, comfortable environment for vaccine recipients. “We know there are people who are one ask away from getting their vaccine. We are making ourselves available to hold a conversation with our residents to better understand who or what would convince them to be vaccinated. Some people need more time to make a decision, while others may need a friendly conversation to overcome some negative information they may have seen on social media,” Moore said.

*Innovative Ideas* is a new feature from the Ohio Department of Health highlighting ways providers and organizations are encouraging COVID-19 vaccinations. Submit your innovative ideas to the ODH Office of Communications by email to [Megan.Smith@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:Megan.Smith@odh.ohio.gov) or [Rachel.Sayre@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:Rachel.Sayre@odh.ohio.gov).

## TALKING POINTS

As a trusted voice in your community, these talking points are designed to help you communicate the most current information and answer questions.

- 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. 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 may have side effects after vaccination. These are normal signs that your body is building protection. The side effects from COVID-19 vaccination may affect your ability to do some daily activities, and they should go away in a few days. Some people have reported experiencing soreness or redness at the site of the injection, body aches, tiredness, headaches, chills or fever.
  - Severe reactions 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.
  - Women younger than 50 years old should be aware of the rare but increased risk of a serious side effect linked to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. A rare condition that involves blood clots occurs at a rate of about seven per 1 million in vaccinated women between 18 and 49 years old. For women 50 years and older and men of all ages, this condition is more rare. If you have any questions about what’s best for you, please consult with your healthcare provider.
- COVID-19 vaccines teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. It typically takes two weeks after your final vaccine dose for the body to build protection against the virus. After you are fully vaccinated, you can 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, mass vaccination clinics, and pharmacies. Book an appointment near you at [gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov).

## SOCIAL MEDIA POST IDEAS

- What is the difference between the available COVID-19 vaccines, and how do they work? <http://bit.ly/AboutVaccinesOhio>
- 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>

## 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 after you've been fully vaccinated](#)