

**By the Numbers:**

- Individuals Tested: 12,084,341
- Individuals Vaccinated (Started): 4,995,375
- Cases Per 100,000 residents: 119.9
  
- Total Cases: 1,091,623
- Case Increase in Last 24-Hour Period: 729
- 21 Day Reported Case Average: 1,234
  
- Total Deaths: 19,528
- Deaths Reported in Last 24-Hour Period: 0
- 21 Day Reported Death Average: 19
  
- Total Hospitalizations: 58,049
- Hospitalization Increase in Last 24-Hour Period: 72
- 21 Day Reported Hospitalizations Average: 106
  
- Total ICU Admissions: 7,986
- ICU Admissions Increase in Last 24-Hour Period: 7
- 21 Day Reported ICU Admissions Average: 12

**Health Order Modifications:**

- The Ohio Department of Health [amended its remaining health order to conform to the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) guidance](#), which allows those who have been vaccinated to stop wearing masks. Under the CDC's new guidance, those who have not been vaccinated should still wear a mask and socially distance.
- Ohio's order reflects the CDC's recommendation that everyone wear masks when in a healthcare setting, when traveling on public transportation (including airplanes), and when at a business or employer that chooses to require masks.
- The CDC recommendations make clear that businesses will be able to choose for themselves whether they continue to require masks in their premises. If a business chooses to require masking for employees and customers, that is permitted under the CDC guidance and Ohio's order. If a business chooses not to require masks and leave that choice to customers and employees, that is also permitted in the CDC guidance and Ohio's order.
- As advised by the CDC, Ohio's order also continues to require masking in congregate settings, such as nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and in settings with large numbers of unvaccinated individuals, such as schools and daycare centers.

#### **Youth Vaccination Facts:**

- The Ohio Department of Health created a new [Frequently Asked Questions document](#) to answer common questions from parents, guardians, and youth about COVID-19 vaccines.
- Like adults, youth can be vaccinated at [many locations across the state](#) that are offering the Pfizer vaccine. This vaccine is available at Children’s Hospitals, as well as a number of regular hospitals, local health departments, retail pharmacies, community health centers, primary care physicians, and some pediatricians.
- Parents who would like their child to be vaccinated at their pediatrician's office are encouraged to call the office first and ask if they are administering the Pfizer vaccine. Pediatricians that are not yet registered to be vaccine providers are encouraged to sign up. Pediatricians and other potential vaccine providers can find more information at [odh.ohio.gov](#).

#### **Vax-A-Million Update:**

- Governor DeWine announced today that the Ohio Vax-a-Million drawing will be an opt-in program. Starting tomorrow, Ohioans will be asked to register for the drawings by visiting [OhioVaxaMillion.com](#) or by calling the Ohio Department of Health at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.
- Additional details can be found here:  
[https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/OHOOD/2021/05/17/file\\_attachments/1810582/ODH%20News%20Release%20-%20Vax-a-Million%20Details%20Announced\\_5.17.21.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/OHOOD/2021/05/17/file_attachments/1810582/ODH%20News%20Release%20-%20Vax-a-Million%20Details%20Announced_5.17.21.pdf)

#### **Resources for Employers:**

- As Ohio’s economy recovers, businesses continue to experience difficulty filling open positions. Lt. Governor Husted today outlined the process for employers to report work refusals on the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) website. This includes [jfs.ohio.gov](#), [unemployment.ohio.gov](#), and [OhioMeansJobs.com](#).
- Because of the wide availability of both jobs and the vaccine in the state, ODJFS now has several buttons featured prominently on their websites for employers to report former employees who are receiving unemployment but have refused offers of suitable work.
  - Ohio law states that individuals are not entitled to unemployment benefits if they have resigned or have declined an offer of suitable work by filling out the “Eligibility Notice/Refusal to Return to Work Form.”
  - Employers reporting work refusals should be prepared to provide their name, email address, Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), claimant name, claimant ID or the last four digits of the claimant’s Social Security number, and additional details about the specific situation.
  - ODJFS will then investigate and send both parties an appealable determination on whether the quit or work refusal was for good cause.
  - Ohio law states that individuals are not entitled to unemployment benefits if they have resigned or have declined an offer of suitable work without “good cause.”

- Individuals can visit OhioMeansJobs.com or contact their local OhioMeansJobs center to find and apply for job openings, take skill and career interest assessments, create or improve their resume, or practice interviewing.
  - OhioMeansJobs.com currently lists more than 180,000 job openings, and nearly 95,000 of them pay more than \$50,000 per year.
- To find contact information for your nearest OhioMeansJobs center, visit [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com) and select “FIND A JOB CENTER” at the bottom of the page or call 1-888-296-7541.