

By the Numbers:

- [Individuals Tested](#): 9,911,617
- [Individuals Vaccinated](#) (Started): 1,687, 834

- Total Cases: 968, 874
- Case Increase in Last 24-Hour Period: 1,452
- 21 Day Reported Case Average: 2,255

- Total Deaths: 17,346
- Deaths Reported in Last 24-Hour Period: 49
- 21 Day Reported Death Average: 269

- Total Hospitalizations: 50, 382
- Hospitalization Increase in Last 24-Hour Period: 103
- 21 Day Reported Hospitalizations Average: 129

- Total ICU Admissions: 7,148
- ICU Admissions Increase in Last 24-Hour Period: 14
- 21 Day Reported ICU Admissions Average: 14

Vaccine Availability:

- Ohio is expected to receive more than 448,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine this week. Of that total, more than 96,000 doses of the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be delivered to around 200 new independent pharmacy providers as well as chain pharmacies, hospitals, and health departments.
- Ohio now offers more than 1,200 provider locations. Ohioans can find vaccine provider locations at vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov. Those who do not have access to the internet or are having trouble managing the online scheduling systems should call their local health department, the 211 helpline center, or the Area Agencies on Aging at 1-866-243-5678.

Phase 1C and Phase 2 Vaccination Eligibility Announced:

- In response to this significant increase in the amount of vaccine coming into Ohio, Governor DeWine outlined the individuals who are included in Phase 1C and Phase 2 of Ohio's vaccination plan which will go into effect on March 4.

Ohio's Vaccination Program
Phase 1C Occupations:

- Childcare Services**
 - Administrators, lead and assistant teachers, and substitutes enrolled in Ohio's Professional Registry who are currently working in open child care and pre-Kindergarten programs.
 - Licensing specialists employed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services or county Job and Family Services agencies.
- Funeral Services**
 - Embalmers/morticians, funeral home directors, crematory operators, and apprentices.
- Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers**
 - Sworn law enforcement officers and peace officers who have first responder or direct supervisory responsibilities. These persons must be active-duty, i.e. working a regular minimum of 20 hours a week. This does not include retired, "special," or reserve persons.
 - Corrections staff, including probation and parole staff, who provide direct services to an adult or juvenile inmate or a court-supervised individual.
 - Individuals who have a valid active firefighting certificate in the State of Ohio who are active members or employees of a recognized Ohio fire department. This does not include retired, emeritus, or reserve individuals.

All available vaccines will be administered to those who choose to receive it.

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- Phase 1C includes approximately 246,000 eligible Ohioans with certain occupations and with certain medical conditions not addressed in previous phases.
- Phase 1C: Medical Groups*
 - Type 1 diabetes
 - Pregnant women
 - Bone marrow transplant recipients
 - ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)
- Phase 1C: Occupations*
 - Childcare Services - Approximately 40,400 Ohioans
 - Administrators, lead and assistant teachers, and substitutes who are enrolled in Ohio's Professional Registry who are currently working in open childcare and pre-kindergarten programs.
 - Licensing specialists employed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services or county job and family services agencies.
 - This phase does not include parent volunteers, board members, or owners/administrators that do not provide in-classroom supports.
 - Funeral Services - Approximately 3,600 Ohioans
 - Embalmers/morticians, funeral home directors, crematory operators, and apprentices.
 - Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers - Approximately 76,000 Ohioans
 - Examples of law enforcement occupations included in Phase 1C are police officers; sheriff's deputies; Ohio State Highway Patrol Troopers; other state or

federal enforcement officers such as Ohio Department of Natural Resource enforcement staff, pharmacy board investigators, BCI agents, state fire marshal investigators, federal transportation security officers, and other federal law enforcement officers who do not have access to vaccination from federal sources.

- Phase 2 Eligibility - Approximately 695,000 eligible Ohioans
 - Because the risk of more severe reactions and outcomes of COVID-19 increase with age, Phase 2 will open vaccinations based on age, beginning with Ohioans ages 60 and older.

Federal Stimulus Package and Biased Fund Allocation:

- Lt. Governor Jon Husted outlined provisions in the federal stimulus package recently passed by the U.S. House of Representatives that, if signed into law, would disproportionately and negatively impact Ohio and its recovery.
- This \$1.9 trillion COVID Relief Bill provides significant additional relief funding for state and local governments, however, the as-passed version adopted by Congress distributes the \$350 billion in coronavirus relief funding to state and local governments using a formula that incorporates state unemployment rates as of the fourth quarter of 2020, instead of using a solely population-based formula.
- As a result, this benefits states with higher unemployment rates during that period.
- Under the current proposal, because Ohio's December 2020 unemployment rate was 5.5 percent, the state will miss out on over \$800 million compared to if a more equitable population-based formula was used, as was used for the CARES Act.
- Over the weekend, governors across the country, including Governor DeWine, released a joint statement opposing the new standard in the federal stimulus bill for how federal funds would be allocated to states:
 - The statement reiterates that "the new stimulus proposal allocates aid based on a state's unemployed population rather than its actual population, which punishes states that took a measured approach to the pandemic and entered the crisis with healthy state budgets and strong economies."
- There are 33 states expected to lose funding under this proposal.

New Leader of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services:

- Kim Henderson, director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, will be relocating to North Carolina in the spring. She will remain in the director role until Monday, March 8.
- Matt Damschroder, current director of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS), will move into an interim director role at that time.
- A nationwide search will be launched for Director Henderson's permanent replacement. Until that search concludes, Assistant DAS Director Matt Whatley will work as interim director at DAS.