# COVID-19 Vaccination Update





# OVERVIEW OF OHIO COVID-19 VACCINATION PHASE 1B STRATEGY

**Priorities**:

→ Save lives and protect Ohio's most vulnerable.

→ Get all K-12 students in schools by March 1.



### Vaccination Phase 1B: What to know

Vaccine distribution in Phase 1B is anticipated to begin Jan. 19, as Phase 1A continues. Phase 1B focuses largely on those who are 65 and older.

This age group is <u>most</u> <u>vulnerable</u> to COVID-19 and makes up more than 87% of Ohioans who have died from the virus. Adults 80 and older are eligible for vaccine Jan. 19, with new five-year age groups phased in each week in five-year increments. People with congenital conditions are eligible Jan. 25.

Phase 1B also includes K-12 teachers and school staff who will be offered the vaccine to allow for full in-classroom or hybrid learning. School personnel are eligible the week of Feb 1.

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A case can be made for including other populations and professions as priority populations. While the vaccine supply is limited, we must direct vaccine to where the <u>most lives can be saved</u>.

Details about future phases of the vaccination plan will be announced as Phases 1A and 1B progress and as Ohio receives vaccines for future phases.



### Phasing from 1A to 1B: How it will work

Vaccination of priority populations in Phase 1A will continue until all eligible individuals have been offered the vaccine. Transition to vaccination Phase 1B is expected to begin the week of Jan. 18, with a new priority population becoming eligible each week starting with ages 80 and older.

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### Phase 1B tentative eligibility timeline

#### **JAN. 19**

– Ages 80 and older.

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#### **JAN. 25**

– Ages 75 and older.

 Those with severe congenital, developmental, or early onset medical disorders.

#### **FEB. 1**

Ages 70 and older.
Employees of K-12 schools that wish to remain or return to inperson or hybrid learning.

#### **FEB. 8**

– Ages 65 and older.



### A closer look at Phase 1B priority populations

### Ages 65 and older

- Starting with older Ohioans age 80+ (beginning Jan. 19)
  - Includes an estimated 420,000 Ohioans (excluding long-term care facility residents who are being vaccinated separately as part of the federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program).
- Each week thereafter, another group of older Ohioans will be eligible for vaccination:
  - Age 75+ (week of Jan. 25)
  - Age 70+ (week of Feb. 1)
  - Age 65+ (week of Feb. 8)

Individuals with severe congenital, developmental, or early onset medical disorders

- These individuals will become eligible for vaccination beginning the week of Jan. 25.
- County developmental disabilities boards and Medicaid managed care plans will help coordinate these vaccination efforts.

### K–12 school teachers and staff

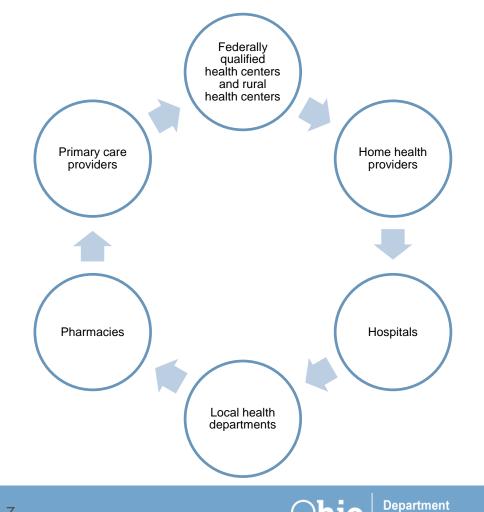
- K-12 school staff become eligible for vaccination starting the week of Feb. 1.
- To be eligible, schools must plan to return to full or hybrid in-class learning by March 1, and this decision must be made by Jan. 18.
- A survey of schools is under way regarding any existing vaccination partners who can be leveraged for this effort.



# Anticipated Phase 1B vaccination providers

- Not all Phase 1B providers will be allocated vaccine initially.
- Allocations will be made on a rolling basis as vaccines become available.
- Initially, allocation modeling will be population-based to determine how much vaccine each county will receive.
- Vaccine allocation will eventually be determined based on capacity across vaccination provider channels.

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### What to expect next week: Week of Jan. 11

#### Monday, Jan. 11

 Webinar with Ohio's enrolled vaccination providers about Phase 1B distribution and administration.

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### The federal

Tuesday, Jan. 12

government will tell ODH Ohio's vaccine allocation for the following week.

We anticipate 100,000 doses will be available based on continuing vaccination efforts of hospitals and winding down of vaccinations in long-term care facilities and congregate care settings in Phase 1A.
We expect to be able to share Tuesday evening the number of doses each enrolled provider will receive.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 13 OR

#### Thursday, Jan. 14

• Governor DeWine is requesting that local health departments, county emergency management agencies, and other local partners notify the press about how residents can get vaccinated (e.g., vaccination clinics, appointments, drive-thru clinics, etc.).

#### Thursday, Jan. 14

 ODH will post on coronavirus.ohio.gov a map of provider locations with doses, sortable by county, ZIP code, and target population.





## **OTHER COVID-19 UPDATES**

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- → Updated K-12 quarantine guidance.
- → Updated resources.

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### Redistributing surplus vaccine before it expires

• The Ohio Department of Health is issuing guidance to vaccine providers about developing a surplus vaccine redistribution plan.

• The guidance follows a recent incident in which a long-term care facility in Ohio overestimated the number of vaccine doses needed for residents and staff. Seven vials of vaccine (35 doses) were not administered and expired.

• Vaccine redistribution plans will prioritize recipients based on Phase 1A and 1B vaccine distribution criteria.

• If a significant number of doses remain, vaccine providers must contact the Ohio Department of Health for immediate redistribution assistance.



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"Every vaccine dose that Ohio receives must be administered. Each vaccine represents a potential life saved, and it is our obligation to ensure that not a single dose is wasted."

- Governor Mike DeWine



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### K-12 schools updated quarantine guidance

Students and adults in K-12 schools may continue to attend in-person school after exposure to someone with COVID-19 if the following conditions are met:

The school has documented COVID-19 prevention policies, including universal mask wearing, social distancing, hand-washing, identification and management of students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, and routine environmental cleaning and disinfection protocols.

The exposure occurred within a classroom environment or while on required school transport (e.g., school bus).

The person with COVID-19 and any associated contacts were wearing face masks that covered their nose and mouth at all times. If meals were consumed, a distance of at least 6 feet between students must have been maintained.

Social distancing was maintained. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines acceptable distancing as a minimum of 6 feet. In accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics, desks should be placed ideally 6 feet apart and at a minimum 3 feet apart.



## COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Toolkit

- ODH has updated its COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Toolkit featuring talking points, language tips, graphics, FAQs, myths vs. facts, social media language, and trusted resources to help you better communicate about the COVID-19 vaccination.
- Language translations are now available.
- This toolkit will continue to expand.
- The toolkit is available at <a href="http://bit.ly/OHVaccineToolkit">http://bit.ly/OHVaccineToolkit</a> and on the ODH Pandemic Provider website.
- We ask for your support by using it with your stakeholders.



Resources have been compiled to provide local health departments, healthcare providers, hospitals, and other vaccine providers with information on how to enroll to be a COVID-19 vaccine provider, as well as to provide helpful guidance regarding training, storage, handling, reporting, conducting clinics, and more.

Consumer resources include fact sheets, myth busters, and FAQs.

coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine



### Q&A: Your questions about Ohio's vaccine plan

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Please click unmute, then introduce yourself before asking your question. You can also drop your questions in the chat.	Visit our COVID-19 information hub for vaccine information and resources for providers and consumers. coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine	Do you have COVID-19 questions? • Contact our Call Center at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). • Contact our Provider Call Center at 1-844-ODHVAX (1-844-963-4829). Russ Kennedy, deputy director/director of external affairs • <u>Russ Kennedy@odh.ohio.gov</u> • 614-406-0419



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