

# OHIO VACCINE PREPAREDNESS OFFICE WEEKLY UPDATE

## PANDEMIC VACCINE NEWS & UPDATES THIS WEEK

- **Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine update** – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended on April 23, 2021, that use of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine could resume following a 10-day pause. This joint recommendation followed a thorough safety review by scientific advisors that included two meetings of the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The federal health agencies advise that the benefits of the vaccine in preventing COVID-19 outweigh the risks of rare blood clotting, but that warnings to the public about the potential for rare clots are essential. [READ UPDATED EUA FACT SHEET FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.](#)
  - Providers should direct J&J vaccine recipients to seek immediate medical care if they experience one or more of the following symptoms: severe or persistent headaches or blurred vision, shortness of breath, chest pain, leg swelling, persistent abdominal pain, easy bruising or tiny blood spots under the skin beyond the injection site.
  - Thrombosis involving large blood vessels, including the cerebral venous sinuses, portal vein, lower extremity veins, and pulmonary artery, with thrombocytopenia have been reported following receipt of the vaccine. Heparin should not be used to treat this condition. Alternative anticoagulant treatments need to be given with a TTS diagnosis.
- **Communicating COVID-19 vaccine efficacy and effectiveness** – Public officials are faced with the challenge of accurately and effectively communicating about COVID-19 vaccines. Join a free webinar by The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) to learn about the public engagement and communications strategies public officials can use to promote vaccination, build vaccine confidence, and overcome confusing messages about vaccine efficacy.
  - When: Tuesday, May 4, from 3-4 p.m.
  - Register: [Click here to register](#) and receive information on how to access the webinar
- **VMS: Share available vaccine products at each clinic:** ODH is requesting that providers indicate in the Vaccine Management Solution (VMS) scheduling system the brand(s) of vaccine they will offer at each individual clinic. This will give Ohio residents the opportunity to choose the brand they will receive when scheduling appointments at [gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov).
  - Providers can use the description field on the VMS Availability screen to publish information about a specific location on the Get the Shot website. ODH suggests using this field to publish the brand and age requirements for a particular clinic.
  - There is a character limit of 250 characters. Providers offering different products on different days may need to use abbreviations (such as “Wed/Th/Fri – Johnson & Johnson, Age 18+”) to provide additional information within the character limits.
  - Providers can also include the brand and age requirements in a location name, if desired, but this is not required. If this is of interest, please contact your VMS support team, as providers cannot change their own location name in VMS.
- **Cleveland mass vaccination clinic to offer first doses** – Ohio’s mass vaccination clinic at the Wolstein Center in downtown Cleveland is now accepting walk-ins daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. More than 237,000 first and second doses of the Pfizer vaccine have been administered at the Wolstein Center. First doses of the Pfizer vaccine will be offered through May 10. 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.

## 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](http://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. However, before scheduling an appointment, 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.
- 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. 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.
- 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=-Gg5ETxspA>

## 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](#)