

Vaccine Update

Middleburg Heights, Ohio

Date of Information: 1/11/2021

NOTE: Information changes VERY quickly and may become rapidly out of date. For information accuracy please depend only on reputable information sources. You may also contact the Cuyahoga Board of Health at (216) 201-2000

Current Vaccine Stage (Cuyahoga): 1A

Current Vaccines started: ([Vaccine Dashboard](#))

- **Cuyahoga County** – 35,105 or 2.84%
- **Ohio:** 297,013 or 2.54%

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PHASE 1A

- Health care workers and personnel, who are routinely involved with the care of COVID-19 patients
- Residents and staff at nursing homes
- Residents and staff at assisted living facilities
- Patients and staff at state psychiatric hospitals
- People with developmental disabilities and those with mental health disorders, including substance use disorders, who live in group homes, residential facilities, or centers and staff at those locations
- Residents and staff at our Ohio veterans homes
- EMS responders

So what seems to be the Delay?

- At this early stage vaccine is limited and being shared nationally
- Phase 1A is in progress, but the population of Healthcare providers is quite large
- Additional time will be necessary to complete the 1A phase
- Phase 1A will take longer in more Urban Counties of Ohio due to population and large healthcare populations

Why is another area in a different phase of the vaccine distribution?

- Some areas of the State may appear to be at different levels, but Cuyahoga remains in 1A mainly due to population size and the large numbers of 1A healthcare workers in Cuyahoga

What is Middleburg Heights Doing to Help the Effort?

- Mayor Castelli remains in close communication with the CCBOH and surrounding communities
- Fire Department and Police Department personnel continue to support vaccination efforts at the County Fairground point of distribution (POD)

Dispelling Rumors:

- “Are CVS Vaccine Sign Ups in progress?” No, currently CVS is only offering COVID Vaccines to contracted long term care facilities that fall into the 1A category. CVS does however offer COVID testing and flu vaccines.
- “Once I get a vaccine do I have to wear a mask?” Yes, the vaccine will protect you from getting ill from COVID-19, however, not enough is known about whether or not you can still carry the virus and spread it to others. At this time, those who get the vaccine should continue to wear masks and practice social distancing. (ODH, 2021)

Internet Resources:

- Ohio: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-program>
- Cleveland: <https://www.cleveland.com/news/2021/01/heres-clevelands-plan-for-rolling-out-the-coronavirus-vaccine.html>
- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>
- CVS: <https://cvshealth.com/covid-19/vaccine-information>
- Cleveland Clinic: <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/landing/covid-19-vaccine/ohio>
- Cleveland.com: <https://www.cleveland.com/coronavirus/2021/01/clevelands-three-biggest-hospitals-have-given-covid-19-vaccines-to-25000-health-care-workers.html>

Next Phase: 1B – will take months to complete and the start date is not yet known

- CCBOH Registration notification signup - <https://forms.gle/JwfE4yfoAFaccjU7A>
- Some hospital systems have started to prepare for notification of 1B groups when Ohio approves and vaccine is received. Please contact your doctor / medical system for more info. See Ohio chart below for phase 1B information.
- Jan 21, 2021 – the state (ODH) will launch an online tool on the coronavirus where individuals will be able to see who is distributing vaccinations in their counties and to what eligible group. (Ohio, 2021)

Ohio's Vaccination Program
– A Phased Approach

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PHASE 1B →

GOAL: Save Lives

- Ohioans age 65 and older
- Those living with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders

GOAL: In-Person School by March 1st

- Adults who work in schools

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

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A Message from CCBOH:

1/6/2021

“We are currently in the process of working to vaccinate members of the 1A group, which is very large in the county. Hospitals are vaccinating their staff and CVS and Walgreens are vaccinating staff and residents in nursing homes. Local health departments are vaccinating EMS, and range of other groups listed below. In the large urban counties, it is estimated that it may take until the end of February to vaccinate our 1A population, which also includes about 300 group homes for the developmentally disabled and many of those folks are not mobile and we need to go to them to vaccinate.

Today and tomorrow, we are vaccinating 800 people each day by appointment at the fairgrounds. The appointments are essential because of pent up demand, traffic, throughput capacity, etc. People can pre-register for future clinics if they qualify for 1A on our website here: www.ccbh.net/vax

We are asking everyone’s patience, as this is an unprecedented, international logistical challenge. 1B is a significantly larger group and will likely include a broader range of entities providing these vaccinations in order to handle the anticipated volume. The Governor has said that 1B may start in a couple weeks in Ohio. The large urban counties will still be vaccinating in the 1A group for a while. There are about 230,000 people over 65 in the county and over 20,000 adults who work in schools. This is a huge group that will take months to reach. Having adequate vaccine a wider range of entities joining public health to vaccinate this group, such as hospitals, pharmacies and community health centers, will be essential.

I hope this update is helpful.

Terry Allan, MPH”

Recap of Governor DeWine’s Press Conference (COVID Excerpts Only):

1/7/2021

Brian Dugger, WTOL: We have heard that Erie County has vaccinated hundreds of police officers, and we are hearing that other counties are also vaccinating ineligible people. Does this concern you, and what is the state doing to ensure that all 88 counties are abiding by the state’s directives when it comes to vaccination orders?

- Gov. DeWine repeats that vaccinating police officers would result in delays in vaccinations for groups that are currently prioritized. He says that he is aware of what happened in Erie County and that all providers must abide by the state’s orders. He says that local health departments and hospitals should vaccinate people if they are close to expiration.

Ben Schwartz, WCPO: Are medical workers who don’t work for a hospital or long-term care facility eligible to get vaccinated today, and if so, how?

- Gov. DeWine says that they should contact their counties’ health departments.

Dan DeRose, WOIO: Are you banking on the number of people refusing to take the vaccine, in context to the continuing low numbers of vaccines being distributed?

- Gov. DeWine says that some vaccines are being banked for those who will get second vaccinations. He says that the system will change moving forward, and that as the bank is filled up, there will be more availability. He does not say anything about people refusing to be vaccinated due to lack of confidence.

John London, WLWT: Have you calculated if there is enough supply to vaccinate teachers, in order to meet your goal of getting kids back in school by March 1?

- Gov. DeWine says that he thinks that anyone who wants a vaccine in a school will be able to receive a first dose by March 1 but many will certainly not have the second dose.

Jennifer Cisneros, WKRC: Hamilton County Commissioner, Denise Driehaus said that she was frustrated that the county has not received sufficient vaccines and with guidance from the state. What is being done to get more vaccine doses and information to local health leaders?

- Gov. DeWine says that they simply do not have enough vaccines and that he is even more frustrated. He says that this is a problem in every state, not just Ohio. He says that they are working with the outgoing Trump administration and the incoming Biden administration and that he cannot pull vaccines out of the air.
- Lt. Gov Husted says that this vaccine was developed in record time and that we all wish we had more. He says that Gov. DeWine and his team are working as hard as they can to get it sufficiently delivered and that he understands how from the outside, one may wonder, but that they cannot distribute what they do not have.

Justin Dennis, Mahoning Matters: Could you clarify the Phase 1B grouping that includes those with severe congenital or early onset medical disorders? Are there specific conditions that are considered high risk that create a priority for vaccination?

- Gov. DeWine says that they are going by the CDC definition and that they made the decision based on who was most vulnerable, who needs to be protected the most, and who is most likely to die if they get the virus.

Randy Ludlow, Columbus Dispatch: You just stated that you believe that most school employees could receive their first shot by March 1, but it is the second dose that provides the bulk of protection. Is it safe to send teachers back if they have only received the first shot?

- Gov. DeWine says that the majority of teachers are already back in class, at least part time and that nothing has been changed, as school districts can still make their own decisions. Dr. Vanderhoff says that schools are very safe environments with respect to the virus and cites the lower positivity rates. He says that while two doses are needed for full immunity, the first dose appears to provide substantial immunity and compares it to that provided by a flu vaccine.

Jessie Balmert, Cincinnati Enquirer: Could you clarify whether pre-school teachers or other child-care providers are part of this 1B group, or will they be vaccinated later?

- Gov. DeWine says that it will be later, as the reason to vaccinate teachers is to get kids back in schools, not because of the more vulnerable groups that he discussed earlier. He says that they are skipping the line.

Tom Jackson, Sandusky Register: Have you received your Covid-19 vaccination, and if not, when do you plan to do so?

- Gov. DeWine says that he has not been vaccinated yet and that he will get his when it is available for those in his age group.