

COVID-19 Update: Vaccinations Continue in Ohio, Local Health Department Vaccination Guidance

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)— Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted today provided the following updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

VACCINATIONS CONTINUE IN OHIO

Seven hospitals in Ohio received their first vaccine shipments today, bringing the total number of vaccine doses delivered to Ohio over the past two days to 98,475.

Governor and First Lady DeWine were present this morning for the delivery of the vaccine shipment to Mercy Health Springfield Regional Medical Center and Lt. Governor Jon Husted visited OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus as they received their first delivery of COVID-19 vaccines.

In addition to the two aforementioned hospitals, COVID-19 vaccine shipments of 975 doses a-piece were also delivered to: Mercy Health St. Vincent Hospital, Lucas County Cleveland Clinic, Cuyahoga County Metro Health Medical Center, Cuyahoga County Aultman Hospital, Stark County Genesis Hospital, Muskingum County. An additional 975-dose shipment was delivered today to OhioHealth Riverside Hospital for use at OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital in Athens.

Although vaccine supplies are currently limited, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has advised that Ohio will continue to receive vaccinations throughout the month of December. Next week, Ohio is expected to receive 123,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine, as well as 201,900 doses of the Moderna vaccine. During the week of New Year's, Ohio is expected to receive an additional 148,000 Pfizer vaccines and an additional 89,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine.

A number of healthcare workers who received vaccinations today joined today's public briefing to discuss their experiences, including Kasi Gardner, RN, of Mercy Health Springfield Regional Medical Center who received her vaccine during the news conference.

Dr. Jennifer Wall Forrester, associate chief medical officer at UC Health, also discussed when citizens should call their doctors or go to the hospital if they develop COVID-19 symptoms.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Ohioans continue to be hospitalized at record numbers. As of today, 5,296 patients are hospitalized throughout the state and 1,311 of those patients are in intensive care units. Ohio currently has more patients in the ICU than it had total for all COVID-19 hospitalized patients during the previous peak last summer. There are currently 863 patients who need a ventilator, as compared to 360 patients on ventilators a month ago.

"While there is good reason to be optimistic about Ohioans receiving the vaccine, we have our work cut out for us to slow the spread of the virus until enough Ohioans can be vaccinated," said Governor DeWine. "We must continue rallying together to prevent overwhelming our hospitals."

LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT VACCINATION GUIDANCE

Next week, local health departments in Ohio that registered as providers are expected to begin receiving vaccines. Today, Governor DeWine outlined guidance on individuals who should be prioritized by health departments during Phase 1A.

Local health departments should coordinate

the vaccinations of congregate care residents and staff, such as those at nursing homes and assisted living facilities, who are not enrolled in the federal long-term care pharmacy programs or are not registered as providers themselves. This includes people with developmental disabilities and those with mental health disorders, including substance use disorders, who live in group homes, residential facilities, or centers, as well as staff.

In addition, local health departments should prioritize vaccinating other healthcare providers who are not being vaccinated by hospitals and health systems and are not enrolled as providers themselves. These providers could include:

Home health workers
Hospice workers
Emergency medical services responders
Primary care practitioners

Free-standing emergency department, urgent care, pharmacy, and dialysis center providers not vaccinated by hospitals or healthcare systems
Dental providers
Public health employees who are at risk of exposure or transmission, such as vaccinators
Mobile unit practitioners
Federally-qualified health center providers
High-risk ancillary health care staff members

CURRENT CASE DATA

In total, there are 579,357 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 reported in Ohio and 7,654 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 32,878 people have been hospitalized throughout the pandemic, including 5,283 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Video of today's full update, including versions with foreign language translation, can be viewed on the Ohio Channel's YouTube page.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.



疫情致美 17% 餐廳永久歇業 上萬餐廳預計三周關門

美國“全美餐飲業協會”近日發佈的最新調查報告顯示,新冠肺炎疫情對美國餐飲業的衝擊最為嚴重,如果再得不到聯邦政府的新一輪救助,全美上萬家餐館可能在今後三周內關閉。

根據“全美餐飲業協會”的這份報告,他們對總共 6000 家餐館的經營者進行了調查。結果顯示,自今年 3 月以來,美國總共有 11 萬家餐館被迫關閉,其中大約 17% 的餐館已經永久關張。

報告還顯示,包括連鎖餐飲、獨立門店內,美國共有超過 50 萬家餐館“承受了前所未有的財務惡化”,其中 87% 的受調查者稱“營業收入下降了 36%”,83% 的受調查者則預計,

隨著疫情繼續蔓延,他們的生意在未來三個月還會變得更糟。

此外調查還發現,預計到今年年底,美國的

整個餐飲行業將總共損失 2400 億美元,如果再得不到政府的新一輪救助,全美上萬家餐館可能在今後三周內關閉。特別是疫情不僅重創了小型的餐飲企業,大型連鎖品牌也同樣不能幸免,美國快餐連鎖巨頭麥當勞就表示,麥當勞在美國的 14000 家店面中,有 200 家將在今年永久關閉。

業內人士分析認為,餐飲業難以抵擋疫情的原因之一是行業利潤比較薄,平均而言,餐廳的利潤是 6% 至 7%,手中現金只夠維持 16 天。

這一報告發佈後,“全美餐飲業協會”還特別致信美國國會參眾兩院的兩黨領袖,呼籲不要再爭執不休,儘快通過新一輪“薪資保護計劃”,並出期待已久的“餐飲業法案”。



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