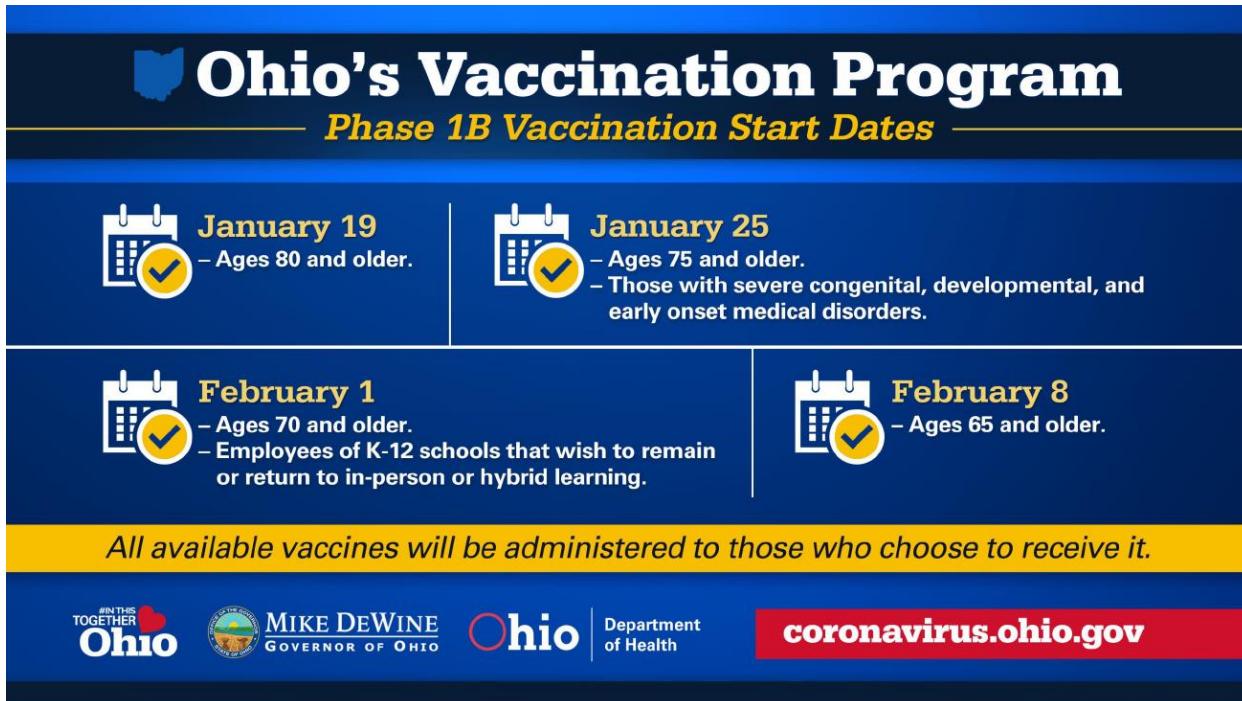


Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccination Program is underway. Because the supply of vaccine is currently limited, Ohio's program is designed to first get the vaccine in the arms of Ohioans who are most vulnerable and at-risk. As more vaccine becomes available, eligibility to receive the vaccine will be expanded.



**Ohio's Vaccination Program**  
**Phase 1B Vaccination Start Dates**

 <b>January 19</b> - Ages 80 and older.	 <b>January 25</b> - Ages 75 and older. - Those with severe congenital, developmental, and early onset medical disorders.
 <b>February 1</b> - Ages 70 and older. - Employees of K-12 schools that wish to remain or return to in-person or hybrid learning.	 <b>February 8</b> - Ages 65 and older.

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

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### Who is eligible for a vaccine?

Phase 1b began January 19<sup>th</sup> and runs through the week of February 8<sup>th</sup>. Each week additional Ohioans become eligible to receive the vaccine. If you fall into one of the groups identified in the chart above, **make a plan**. Determine where you want to go to get vaccinated and how to schedule an appointment. Scheduling typically begins several days before the start date illustrated in the chart and appointment times fill fast. If you can't get an appointment the first week you become eligible, don't give up. Keep trying! Stay up-to-date on vaccine eligibility at the [Ohio Department of Health vaccination program site](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

If you don't fall into one of the groups identified, maybe a family member or elderly neighbor does. If so, reach out to them. Navigating the vaccination and scheduling process can be difficult and the information provided below could be beneficial to them.

### How can I schedule an appointment to receive a vaccine?

Currently, vaccines are being administered by hospital systems (OhioHealth, Mount Carmel and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center), public health departments (Columbus and Franklin County Public Health) and limited pharmacies across central Ohio. Your primary care physician may also be able to provide direction (or options). Below is a list of local providers along with a phone number and/or website for scheduling purposes. The Ohio Department of Health's website offers a statewide searchable database of providers at <https://vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov/>.

- **Columbus Public Health:** Appointment only. Call 614-645-1519 or [click here](#) to visit the scheduling website.

- **Franklin County Public Health:** Appointment only. Call 614-525-5225 or [click here](#) to visit the scheduling website.
- **Mount Carmel:** [Click here](#) to visit their website.
- **OhioHealth:** By appointment only. Schedule through MyChart if you are a patient or call 614-533-6999.
- **The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center:** call 614-688-8299.
- **Nationwide Children's Hospital:** The vaccine is not currently available through Nationwide Children's Hospital. [Click here](#) to view current vaccine information for Nationwide Children's Hospital patients.
- **Pharmacies:** To identify local pharmacies distributing the vaccine search the Ohio Department of Health's provider database: <https://vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov/>

**Where can I get more information, including about the safety of the vaccine?**

For more information about COVID-19, the vaccine program or to learn about the development, efficacy and safety of the vaccine, see the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) resources provided below.

- [COVID-19 Vaccination Program \(ODH\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Myths vs Facts \(ODH\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ \(FCPH\)](#)

For **general questions** regarding COVID-19, please contact:

- Franklin County Public Health: 614-525-3097
- Columbus Public Health: 614-645-1519
- Ohio Department of Health: 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)

**I have health coverage through the Franklin County Cooperative. What are my options?**

At this time, there are no on-site/worksite COVID-19 vaccination options. The Cooperative health plan and ThriveOn wellness program are continuing to research our options and will provide updates if/when they are available. If you obtain a vaccination and a claim is filed with the health plan, it will be covered 100%.