

Coalition Communication: PreK-12 Education



COVID-19 UPDATES

Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccine Town Halls start Feb. 22

There are a lot of myths about COVID-19 vaccines. Ohio's COVID-19 Town Halls will help answer questions and provide access to accurate information about vaccines. Hear from medical experts, community leaders, and public health professionals. Watch livestreams on Facebook, YouTube, and at coronavirus.ohio.gov/townhall at the following dates and times:

- Feb. 22** | 6:30 p.m. – African American Ohioans
- Feb. 23** | 6:30 p.m. – Hispanic/Latino Ohioans
- March 1** | 6:30 p.m. – Asian American and Pacific Islander Ohioans
- March 2** | 6:30 p.m. – Rural Ohioans

Vaccination Schedule for K-12 Schools: [Week 4 \(2-22\)](#)

EDUCATION INFORMATION

- 411 Ohio school districts are operating with 5-day in-person return to classes.
- 9 Ohio school districts are operating with a fully remote return to learning.
- 189 Ohio school districts are operating with a hybrid of in-person and remote return to learning.

**Many schools are holding in-person classes while offering an online option for those who prefer that route or who require it for health reasons. Data compiled 02/17/21. Information is subject to frequent change and does not represent an official categorization by the Ohio Department of Education.*

KEY STATS

Data as of 2/18/2021

PUBLIC ADVISORY SYSTEM



21-DAY TRENDS

Case Average	3,032
Death Average	267*
Hospitalization Average	156
ICU Admission Average	17

**The Bureau of Infectious Diseases and the Bureau of Vital Statistics continue to reconcile death data. This review will result in some fluctuations in death numbers moving forward.*

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SUGGESTED SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

We're proud of the way our school community has demonstrated a commitment to safety and slowing the spread of #COVID19. Let's continue this focus on healthy practices in school and at home. Our district appreciates your family's partnership. #MasksOnOhio #InThisTogetherOhio

The State of Ohio is hosting a series COVID-19 Town Halls to answer questions and provide information about the #COVID19 vaccine. Visit <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-program/town-hall> for a schedule of the upcoming online events. #InThisTogetherOhio [Link to download suggested artwork: https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/vaccine/town_hall_slide.jpg]

Safe. Effective. Rigorously tested. The state is continuing the #COVID19 vaccine roll out for older Ohioans. While it will take time before it is available for everyone, it's the best way to protect our health and help Ohio recover. #InThisTogetherOhio <https://youtu.be/p0-MgPCQFhk>

TALKING POINTS FOR YOU

- Governor DeWine announced progress toward the goal of getting K-12 students back into the classroom by March 1. In December, 45 percent of Ohio students were attending school remotely full time, but now, fewer than 5 percent of Ohio students are attending classes completely online.
- Despite this progress, the pandemic has taken a toll on academic progress. As the K-12 School Staff Vaccination Program rounds out its third week, Governor DeWine has asked schools and districts to work with their communities to help students advance and make up for any learning that may have been lost or delayed because of the pandemic.
- Finally, please remember it's important to have access to the resources that can help both children and adults to cope, heal, strengthen and grow. The Crisis Text Line is: Text "4Hope" to 741 741. Ohio's Careline is: 1-800-720-9616. Text the Crisis Text Line or call the Careline for free, confidential connection to licensed providers.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ✓ Set a good example, by wearing a mask, making virtual accommodations and maintaining social distance when meeting face-to-face with others.
- ✓ Post on social media to describe how you are working to keep staff and students safe (and what they can do to help you maintain a safe environment) using the suggested hashtags.
- ✓ Submit letters to the editor or local news outlets that support the "COVID-19 Key Messages;" wear a mask, wash hands often and social distance.
- ✓ Participate in local media/radio interviews to support "COVID-19 Key Messages," and help showcase how you and your colleagues are supporting Ohio's Responsible Restart.

RESOURCES

HASHTAGS TO USE

#InThisTogetherOhio
#ResponsibleRestartOhio
#MasksOnOhio
#StaySafeOhio

LATEST UPDATES

[Public Health Orders](#)
[News Releases](#)
[Town Halls Toolkit](#)
[Average Weekly Vaccinations](#)

VIDEOS

[Limit Your Risk](#)
[Don and Doff Mask Procedure \(Child\)](#)
[Don and Doff Mask Procedure \(Adolescent\)](#)

RESOURCES

[Ohio Department of Health: COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools](#)

[COVID-19 Fact Sheet Ohio K12 School Staff Vaccination Program](#)

[K-12 School Staff Vaccination Program Information](#)

[COVID Vaccine Myths vs. Facts](#)

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