

## COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet

### Ohio Phase 1C COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

Governor Mike DeWine has announced the individuals who are included in Phase 1C of Ohio's vaccination plan, which will go into effect on March 4, 2021. Phase 1C includes approximately 246,000 eligible Ohioans with certain occupations and with certain medical conditions not addressed in previous phases.

#### **Phase 1C**

This phase will focus on:

- Individuals who have additional medical conditions that may increase their risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19. The new qualifying conditions are not already covered through Ohio's age-based approach to vaccine eligibility.
- Ohioans who work in certain occupations, including child care services, funeral services, and law enforcement and correction services.
- Eligible individuals can receive a vaccine from the provider of their choice. Individuals may be asked to confirm during the registration or screening process that they are eligible to receive the vaccine based on a qualifying medical condition or based on their occupation.

#### **MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND WOMEN WHO ARE PREGNANT**

Approximately 141,000 Ohioans with the following conditions will be eligible to receive the vaccine.

- People with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.
- Bone marrow transplant recipients.
  - These are sometimes also called hematopoietic cell or stem cell transplants, and these patients are undergoing treatment primarily for cancer and certain anemias, and they face an increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness.
  - This group does NOT include the kind of stem-cell injections people might receive for the treatment of orthopedic problems, especially for their knees.
- People with type 1 diabetes.
- Pregnant women.

#### **OCCUPATIONS**

- **Child care services:** Staff members at child care centers and pre-kindergarten programs who have regular, ongoing direct contact with children enrolled in these programs. There are approximately 40,400 eligible Ohioans in this category.
  - Administrators, lead and assistant teachers, and substitute teachers enrolled in Ohio's Professional Registry who are currently working in open child care or pre-kindergarten programs.
  - Licensing specialists employed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services or a county job and family services agency.
  - The program does NOT include parent volunteers, board members, or owners/administrators who do not provide in-classroom support.
- **Funeral services:** This group includes licensed staff and active apprentices in the funeral services industry. There are approximately 3,600 eligible Ohioans in this category.
  - Embalmers/morticians.

- Funeral home directors.
- Crematory operators.
- Apprentices.
- **Law enforcement and corrections officers:** There are approximately 76,000 Ohioans eligible in this category.
  - This group includes sworn law enforcement officers and peace officers who have first responder or direct supervisory responsibilities. These individuals must be active duty, working a regular minimum of 20 hours a week. Eligibility does not include retired, “special,” or reserve officers.
    - Police officers.
    - Sheriff’s deputies.
    - Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers.
    - Special jurisdiction officers: Other state or federal enforcement officers such as Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) enforcement staff, pharmacy board investigators, BCI agents, state fire marshal investigators, federal transportation security officers, and other federal law enforcement officers who do not have access to vaccination from federal sources.
  - **Corrections staff:** Eligible are corrections staff, including probation and parole staff, who provide direct services to an adult or juvenile inmate or court-supervised individuals.
  - **Firefighters:** Individuals who have a valid active firefighting certificate in the State of Ohio who are active members or employees of a recognized fire department. This does not include retired, emeritus or reserve individuals.

### **Manufacturer specific vaccine eligibility requirements**

Vaccine recipients must be age 16 or older to be eligible for the Pfizer vaccine, and age 18 or older to be eligible for the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccines.

### **How to find vaccine providers, schedule appointments**

There are two ways that Ohioans can find providers participating in Ohio’s Vaccine Program.

- **Launching Soon: NEW Vaccine Management Solution (VMS)** – This one-stop solution for patients beginning the vaccination process will allow Ohioans to determine eligibility, schedule appointments, submit health information, and receive updates and reminders.
- The **COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Locations** directory at [vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov) is a resource that shows providers who have received shipments of COVID-19 vaccines. The COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Locations directory is searchable by county and ZIP code.
- In addition, vaccine supply is also available through the [Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination](#). Eligible Ohioans who want to find a participating pharmacy should visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s [VaccineFinder](#). This is a free, online service.

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For additional information, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

**Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616.**