

# Coalition Communication: Local Government



## COVID-19 UPDATES

Legislation currently pending in the U.S. Congress would extend the timeline for state and local governments to spend Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) through December 31, 2021. Should this occur, the Ohio Office of Budget Management (OBM) plans to request the state Controlling Board to adjust the deadlines for local governments to spend current allocations of CRF accordingly. SB 310, currently pending Governor DeWine's signature, will provide the authority for the state Controlling Board to make the adjustments. Once both the federal and state pending legislation is enacted, OBM will notify the contacts in the OBM grants portal and will update the guidance and FAQs on the Ohio Grants Partnership website, [grants.ohio.gov](https://grants.ohio.gov).

### COVID-19 Vaccine

[Phase 1A](#) of Ohio's vaccine distribution plan remains underway. Vaccinations under [Phase 1B](#) are expected to begin January 19. Governor DeWine announced [a tiered system](#) for offering vaccinations to the [estimated 2.2 million people](#) who are eligible for the vaccine under this phase, beginning with those who are 80 or older.

Vaccines remain in short supply in Ohio and across the country; Ohio currently receives roughly 100,000 vaccines a week. Development of the vaccine prioritization for [Phases 2, 3, and 4](#) is underway, and details will be announced as vaccine supply grows. Everyone is urged to continue practicing safety protocols until vaccinations are more widely available.

Although strongly encouraged, vaccination is a personal decision and is not mandated. Citizens should be aware that, due to vaccine shortages, those who decline the vaccine at their first opportunity may not have another chance to receive the vaccine for some time.

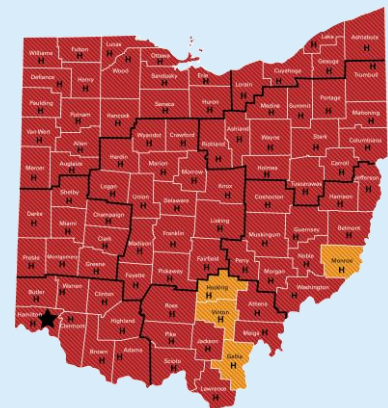
### Other Updates:

Ohio's 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. [curfew has been extended](#) through at least January 23. • The [Bar & Restaurant Assistance Fund](#) deadline has been extended to Jan 31. • The [BroadbandOhio Connectivity Grant](#) has been extended to Dec. 31.

## KEY STATS

Data as of 1/7/2021

### PUBLIC ADVISORY SYSTEM



### 21-DAY TRENDS

Case Average	7,471
Death Average	75
Hospitalization Average	320
ICU Admission Average	34

## WE WANT TO HELP YOU!

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## SUGGESTED SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

☐ @OHDeptofHealth has advised us that those ages 80+ will be the first to be offered the vaccine under Phase 1B of Ohio's vaccination distribution plan. Find more info on how to get the vaccine in this phase here: [bit.ly/OhioVaccine](https://bit.ly/OhioVaccine) (Use graphic: <https://bit.ly/3bflSTi>)

✗ Myth: The #COVID19 vaccines aren't safe.

☑ Fact: The #COVID19 vaccines are safe and effective.

Learn why: <https://bit.ly/396qp8V> (Use graphic found here: <https://bit.ly/2JUpCPY>)

How do we recover from a global pandemic unlike anything we've ever seen before? Ask Ohio, we'll show you. #InThisTogetherOhio <https://youtu.be/5t87JKmzqEo>

## TALKING POINTS FOR YOU

■ The COVID vaccine is now available. However, it remains in short supply not only in Ohio, but across the country. It will take a number of weeks to distribute all of the vaccine given the limited doses available.

■ Until a substantial number of Ohioans can be vaccinated, proper prevention, like wearing masks and social distancing, will reduce your risk of being exposed to or spreading.

■ An online tool will launch next week for Ohioans to see who is distributing vaccines in their counties and to what eligible group. Please visit: [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov)

■ Vaccination is a personal decision. Ohioans should be aware that, due to vaccine shortages, anyone who declines the vaccine at their first opportunity may not have another chance to receive it for some time.

## 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 your employees and customers 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 in the industry are supporting Ohio's Responsible Restart.

Please use these talking points and social media posts to help amplify the message about the importance of slowing the spread of COVID-19. High spread impacts the health of your employees and the public. Encouraging safe practices will help slow the spread in your community.

## RESOURCES

### HASHTAGS TO USE

#InThisTogetherOhio

#MasksOnOhio

#StaySafeOhio

#ResponsibleRestartOhio



[COVID-19 Dashboard](#)



[Testing Locations](#)



[Vaccine Information](#)



[Ohio Travel Advisory](#)

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