

COVID-19 Fact Sheet

Ohio K-12 School Staff Vaccination Program

Governor Mike DeWine has made a commitment to prioritize the vaccination of Ohio's most vulnerable populations and to ensure that K-12 schools are able to safely provide in-person or hybrid education by March 1. As part of this commitment, Phase 1B of Ohio's COVID-19 vaccination plan includes eligibility for employees in K-12 schools and for people with a qualifying congenital, early-onset or inherited condition. Locally selected partners will assist with administering vaccines for these populations.

Information for Vaccinating K-12 School Employees:

Beginning the week of Feb. 1, K-12 school employees who are necessary to the operation of in-person instruction for students (teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, environmental services, etc.) will be eligible for vaccination.

Schools districts have already or will designate a partner who will administer vaccinations to their staff. This process is being directed locally by educational service centers (ESCs). These partnerships will be honored by the state so long as all provider enrollment requirements are met, and the Ohio Department of Health guidance is followed.

Partner providers and school districts, through the ESCs, will:

- Be notified of the designation and receive information about a school/district's designated week for first doses.
- Be required to complete a survey of the expected number of recipients at each school district and be given a deadline for submitting that information. **NOTE: This step is critical. Vaccine is scarce and vaccine should not sit on the shelf or go unused after allocation.**
- Receive an allocation from the state for the designated week(s). Providers are notified by Moderna or Pfizer the weekend before the designated week regarding expected delivery date. Pfizer generally arrives on Monday or Tuesday and Moderna on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. It is important to take this into account when planning.

NOTE: Schools, ESCs and providers receiving vaccine allocation in week one of the program already have been made aware. Further details for remaining schools and providers will be forthcoming this week.

All participating schools and districts should remain in close contact with their local ESC. A contact list for local ESCs is available [here](#).

Create/updated Jan. 26, 2021.

For additional information, visit 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.