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**COVID-19 Vaccine PHASE 1B**

**DEFIANCE, OHIO-** In conjunction with Ohio’s statewide efforts to distribute COVID-19 vaccines, the Defiance County General Health District, Defiance County Emergency Management Agency, hospitals, physicians, and local pharmacies are partnering to vaccinate those individuals in Phase 1B. Phase 1B of Ohio’s Vaccination Program will be focused on reaching critical groups: Ohioans age 65 and older, those living with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders, and adults who work in schools (K-12). Defiance County residents are encouraged to visit [www.defiancecohealth.org](http://www.defiancecohealth.org). This page will have updated vaccination information as it is received. In addition, a statewide vaccine provider search is available at [coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine).

Keep in mind: **VACCINE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED AT THIS TIME.**

We appreciate your patience while demand for the vaccine remains higher than the available supply. As vaccine supply increases, we will be able to vaccinate more of those in Phase 1B. Each week, the federal government informs Ohio of its statewide vaccine allocation. Defiance County Providers are then notified from the state if they will be receiving vaccine, and if so, how many doses of vaccine they will be receiving for the following week. **The number of vaccines doses being received impacts the number of clinics or appointments available through each individual provider.**

• **Vaccine Eligibility the week of February 15<sup>th</sup>:**

- Individuals 65 years of age and older
- Individuals with a severe congenital, developmental or early onset disorder.
  - Qualifying conditions: cerebral palsy; spina bifida; severe congenital heart disease requiring hospitalization within the past year; severe type 1 diabetes requiring hospitalization within the past year; inherited metabolic disorders including phenylketonuria; severe neurological disorders including epilepsy, hydrocephaly, and microcephaly; severe genetic disorders including Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, Turner syndrome, and muscular dystrophy; severe lung disease, including asthma requiring hospitalization within the past year, and cystic fibrosis; sickle cell anemia; and alpha and beta thalassemia; and solid organ transplants
  - Confirmation of eligibility: Each individual provider may develop their own screening and monitoring procedures to evaluate eligibility.

<u>Location</u>	<u>How to Make an Appointment</u>
Kroger-Defiance	Visit: <a href="http://www.kroger.com/health">www.kroger.com/health</a> (Click “Prescriptions & Pharmacy Services”)
Mercy Health-Defiance	Call: 1-866-624-0366 M-F 8:00am – 5:00pm



	<i>(Press 2 for scheduling then Press 1 for Ohio then Press 3 for Toledo Region)</i>
ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital	Call: 567-585-0670 M-F 8:00am – 5:00pm ProMedica Vaccine Status Updates: <a href="https://www.promedica.org/covid/vaccines">https://www.promedica.org/covid/vaccines</a>
Walgreens-Defiance	<a href="https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19/">https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19/</a> Residents will need to create an account in order to schedule an appointment
Community Memorial Hospital	If you are a patient at Community Memorial Hospital and are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, contact your provider directly

**Stay Informed:**

- DCGHD website: <http://defiancecohealth.org/coronavirus/>
- Ohio Department of Health website: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov>
- Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Program:
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