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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).

When a new age range opens, that does not mean that vaccinations for the previous age range are complete. It will take a number of weeks to distribute all of the vaccine given the limited doses available. Defiance County residents are encouraged to visit 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.

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.**

- Scheduling can begin for those individuals: **65 years of age and older**

<u>Location</u>	<u>How to Make an Appointment</u>
Kroger-Defiance	Visit: www.kroger.com/health (Click “Prescriptions & Pharmacy Services”)
Mercy Health-Defiance	Call: 1-866-624-0366 M-F 8:00am – 5:00pm (Press 3 for the TOLEDO region)
ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital	Call: 567-585-0670 M-F 8:00am – 5:00pm
Walgreens-Defiance	https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19/ 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



- Other Specific Starting Dates:

- Starting February 1st: Adult School Personnel (K-12). Vaccination of Adult School Personnel (K-12) is being coordinated by each individual school.
- Starting February 15th: Individuals with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset, and inherited conditions including 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 transplant patients.

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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