



Our Mission: To improve the quality of life in our community by achieving the goals of public health: prevention, promotion and protection.



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update

Public Health continues its effort to control the spread of COVID-19 in our community. As of February 2, 2020, the United States reported **26,400,000** cases with **443,000** deaths. Ohio reported **902,736** cases with **11,336** deaths. Montgomery County reported **44,835** cases, **3,899** hospitalizations, **438** deaths and **40,332** people have presumed to be recovered.

For the latest U.S. case count, [visit the CDC's website](#).

For the latest Ohio and Montgomery County case counts, [visit the ODH Coronavirus website](#).

Limit Your Activities

Montgomery County residents are *strongly advised to not invite guests into their homes*, unless they are essential workers providing services such as plumbing, heating or electrical work. During such service, all workers and residents should wear masks and maintain as much distance as possible.

Public Health also recommends that you limit your activities that bring you into contact with others as much as possible, recommendations include:

- Work from home if you can
- Do not host in-person meetings
- Do not dine indoors
- Do not visit friends in their homes
- Limit your trips to stores
- Avoid crowds

Local COVID-19 Vaccinations Begin

Ohio has begun distributing safe, effective COVID-19 vaccines statewide to those who choose to be vaccinated. Currently two vaccines have been

approved for use, one from Pfizer and one from Moderna. As COVID-19 vaccines are granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the state has begun to strategically and thoughtfully distribute the vaccines to Ohioans at the greatest risk.

The following Phase 1A groups are currently receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. This phase includes EMS responders, health care workers with direct patient care, nursing home residents and staff, assisted living facilities residents and staff, psychiatric hospital patients and staff, people with developmental disabilities and those with mental illness who live in group homes or centers and staff at those locations, and Ohio Veterans Homes residents and staff.

Beginning the week of February 1, the following Phase 1B groups are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine: Ohioans ages 70 and older, individuals with a developmental or intellectual disability **AND** a severe congenital, developmental or early onset medical disorder (vaccinated through Developmental Disabilities Services), and employees of K-12 schools.

As of January 31, 2021, Public Health has administered **10,328** doses of the vaccine. For updates on Ohio's vaccine distribution in Ohio visit [ODH's Vaccine Dashboard](#).

Public Health will notify the public when the next phase begins through local news media, our social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @PublicHealthDMC and our website www.phdmc.org. There is no waiting list to be added to, so we ask that you please be patient as we work through the priority groups.

CDC offers an FAQ about COVID-19 vaccination at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html>.

Curfew Extended

Governor Mike DeWine announced that the Ohio Department of Health has revised the [Ohio Stay at Home Tonight Order](#) as follows: Ohioans must stay home between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., except for work or necessary food, medical care, or social services. The new hours are effective beginning Jan. 28, 2021 at 12:01 p.m. through Feb. 11, 2021 at 12:01 p.m. This change, from the previous curfew start time of 10 p.m., was based upon hospitalization rates, which are a key indicator of disease severity.

The curfew does not apply to those going to and from work, those who have an emergency, or those who need medical care. The curfew is not intended to stop anyone from getting groceries or going to the pharmacy. Picking up carry-out or a drive-thru meal and ordering for delivery is permitted, but serving food and drink within an establishment must cease at 11:00 p.m.



Public Health Reaches Out to Minority Populations

In 2019, Public Health’s Board of Health passed a resolution to adopt a [Health Equity in All Policies](#) approach to improve population health in Montgomery County, and a resolution was passed in 2020 declaring racism and discrimination a public health crisis.

In response to these resolutions, Public Health is taking the following actions to ensure equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. Public Health is allocating doses to be used by its COVID-19 Community Health Equity Education and Outreach Mobile Vaccination Team to do targeted outreach to populations that have historical barriers in healthcare access and have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

This will include Montgomery County’s African American and minority population and those with other transportation or health-related circumstances that make it harder for them to access the vaccine. This will be achieved by working with local churches and community organizations to facilitate vaccine access.



Dr. Charles R. Drew: Father of the Blood Bank

February is designated as Black History Month: a time to celebrate the many contributions African Americans have made to this country and a time to reflect on the continued struggle for racial justice.

Charles Richard Drew (June 3, 1904 – April 1, 1950) was an American surgeon and medical researcher. Drew was a [pioneer in blood transfusion](#) and the first African American to earn a medical doctorate from Columbia University. Drew developed improved techniques for blood storage and applied his expert knowledge to developing large-scale blood banks early in World War II. As a result, 35 blood bank centers were in operation during the war.

His research was instrumental in providing much-needed plasma to soldiers, which allowed medics to save thousands of lives that would have been lost in earlier wars when blood therapy was unknown. By war’s end, millions of donations had been received by the Red Cross.

As the most prominent African American in the field, Drew protested against the practice of [racial segregation](#) in the donation of blood, as it lacked scientific foundation. He is known as “the father of the blood bank” for his innovative mobile blood donation concept.

Dr. Drew was only 45 years old while driving to a scientific conference when he was tragically killed in an automobile accident. His pioneering medical work has endured. Many lives have been saved because of his genius at turning

basic biological research into practical production methods. It is a certainty that mankind owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Charles Richard Drew.

Public Health's Dr. Charles R. Drew Health Center, located at 1323 West Third Street in Dayton, is named after this great pioneer in medical science.



Community Forum: COVID-19, Vaccination, & Health Equity

Join Public Health on Thursday, February 11 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm for a [Facebook Live Community Forum with Black Montgomery County](#) about COVID-19, Vaccination, & Health Equity.

The forum features some of Montgomery County's most impactful Black leaders for an open conversation on the COVID-19 crisis, our local vaccination efforts, and the important topics of health equity and minority health. Hear from the experts you trust and ask the questions you want answered.



Women's Heart Smart Day

Ever wondered what you can do to keep your heart at its healthiest? Public Health presents **Women's Heart Smart Day**, Thursday, February 4, from 6 pm - 7:30 pm. Wear red and learn how to stay heart smart! We will discuss what you can do to prevent cardiovascular disease and will also provide a heart healthy cooking demonstration by Chef Keyon Metcalf.



Media Opportunities:

- 1/4/2021 - WDTN - COVID-19 Vaccinations
- 1/4/2021 - Dayton Daily News - COVID-19 Vaccinations
- 1/4/2021 - Miami Valley Newspapers - COVID-19 Vaccinations
- 1/5/2021 - Dayton Daily News - Water Wells
- 1/5/2021 - Fox 45 - COVID-19 Vaccinations
- 1/6/2021 - Mix 107.7
- 1/6/2021 - Dayton Daily News - Water Wells
- 1/7/2021 - WDTN - COVID-19 Vaccinations
- 1/8/2021 - WHIO - COVID-19 Vaccinations
- 1/8/2021 - Fox 45 - COVID-19 Vaccinations
- 1/8/2021 - Dayton Daily News - COVID-19 Vaccinations
- 1/11/2021 - Dayton Daily News - COVID-19 Vaccine Surplus
- 1/11/2021 - DATV - COVID-19 General Update
- 1/12/2021 - WJW-TV Cleveland - COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution
- 1/13/2021 - WDTN - Radon Test Kit
- 1/19/2021 - Dayton Daily News - COVID-19 Scams
- 1/19/2021 - Dayton Daily News - COVID-19 Forum

1/20/2021 - WYSO - COVID-19 80+ Vaccinations
 1/20/2021 - Dayton Daily News - COVID-19 80+ Vaccinations
 1/20/2021 - Spectrum News - COVID-19 80+ Vaccinations
 1/20/2021 - WHIO - COVID-19 80+ Vaccinations
 1/20/2021 - WDTN - COVID-19 80+ Vaccinations
 1/20/2021 - Fox 45 - COVID-19 80+ Vaccinations
 1/21/2021 - Fox 45 - COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution
 1/22/2021 - WDTN - COVID-19 Curfew
 1/22/2021 - WDTN - COVID-19 Biden Masks
 1/22/2021 - WHIO - COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution
 1/26/2021 - Fox 45 - COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution
 1/27/2021 - WDTN - COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution
 1/27/2021 - DDN - COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution
 1/28/2021 - Fox 45 - COVID-19 Minority Outreach
 1/28/2021 - WROU - COVID-19 Minority Outreach
 1/28/2021 - WDAO - COVID-19 Minority Outreach



For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call Public Health at 1-937-225-6217 or the Ohio Department of Health at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

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