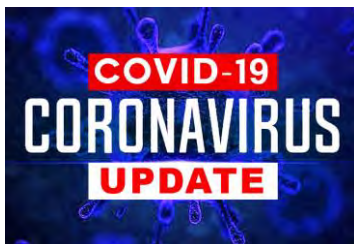




Our Mission: To improve the quality of life in our community by achieving the goals of public health: prevention, promotion and protection.



COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 cases continue to rise in Montgomery County. During July, cases increased each week, and the 7-day average daily case count increased by 455%. The number of COVID-19 hospitalizations increased by 56% from hospitalizations in June. COVID-19 disease continues to disproportionately affect minority populations.

Mask Recommendation

Due to the rapid [increase in the number of COVID-19 cases](#), the increasing spread of the Delta variant in the region, and recent research showing that vaccinated individuals can spread the disease if they become infected, Public Health supports the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s \(CDC\) guidance](#) that recommends the use of face masks while indoors and near others, for all individuals 2 years of age and older, regardless of vaccination status.

Masking is necessary to slow the spread of the virus to prevent surges in new infections which could increase COVID-19-related illness and death and stress healthcare capacity.

Vaccination and the use of face masks are the two best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Everyone who is eligible to be vaccinated should do so as soon as possible. You may find the vaccination location nearest you by visiting [Gettheshot.Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov](https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov).

Healthcare facilities, businesses, and other organizations may require masks to ensure the safety of their employees and customers based on their individual circumstances.

Recommendations for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals include:

- All those who are medically able to do so should wear a face mask, regardless of vaccination status, in public indoor settings when you are near others.
- The use of face masks is recommended for all teachers, staff, students and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status.
- Get tested if experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#).
- Everyone with a known contact to someone with confirmed COVID-19 disease should get tested 3-5 days following exposure.
- Isolate if you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the prior 10 days or are experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#).



Mobile Vaccination Clinics

Public Health continues its mobile vaccination clinics. The clinics are being planned for various locations throughout the county to make it convenient for those with transportation barriers to get vaccinated. For an updated schedule visit www.phdmc.org.

As of August 1, approximately 47% of the Montgomery County population has received a least one dose of the vaccine.



Report: Family Members, Doctors Influence COVID-19 Vaccinations

New [findings](#) from the Kaiser Family Foundation indicate that among those resistant to getting a COVID-19 vaccine six months ago, one in five previously vaccine-averse individuals now say they have received a vaccine, in part due to family pressure. “Many of these individuals noted the role of their friends and family members as well as their personal doctors in persuading them to get a vaccine,” the report notes. “Seeing their friends and family members get vaccinated without serious side effects, talking to family members about being able to safely visit, and conversations with their personal doctors about their own risks were all persuasive factors for these individuals.”



National Immunization Awareness Month

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). This annual observance highlights the importance of getting recommended vaccines throughout your life. We know the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all aspects of life, including your ability to attend important appointments and receive routine vaccinations. During NIAM, we encourage you to talk to your doctor, nurse or healthcare professional to ensure you and your family are protected against serious diseases by getting caught up on routine vaccination.

We also encourage you to visit CDC's [Growing Up with Vaccines interactive guide](#), which provides information on the vaccines recommended during pregnancy, throughout childhood, and into adulthood.



Overdose Awareness Month

Each year we lose thousands of people from drug overdose globally. Some survive but suffer a permanent injury, with devastating impact to their families and friends. Statistics for the 2020 calendar year show that the situation has become even more critical since the current pandemic began.

Tuesday, August 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day which seeks to create better understanding of overdose, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, and create change that reduces the harms associated with drug use.

[The Community Overdose Action Team \(COAT\)](#) and its community partners are committed to taking action to save lives. COAT is encouraging Dayton and Montgomery County residents to pause for a moment of silence at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, August 31, to remember those who have lost their lives to drug overdose and addiction. To recognize the day, Montgomery County and the City of Dayton will both be issuing proclamations and areas of the community will be illuminated in purple to honor those who have passed away from overdose.

Overdose and addiction do not discriminate and can affect anyone. With support, understanding, and compassion of family members, loved ones and members of the community, those who face addiction can find the help they need.

If someone is experiencing stress or anxiety, they can call the Miami Valley Warmline at (937) 528-7777, Monday to Friday, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm, for free and confidential mental and behavioral health peer support services. For access to immediate help 24/7, the public can call Samaritan Behavioral Health Crisis Care at (937) 224-4646 for linkage to treatment and care options.



Media Opportunities:

DDN - COVID-19 Mobile Clinics - 7/1/2021

Journal News - Antibiotics Resistance - 7/1/2021

Fox 45 - Heat - 7/6/2021

Fox 45 - COVID-19 Delta Variant - 7/6/2021

Fox 45 - COVID-19 Delta Variant Tracking - 7/6/2021

DDN - PFAS - 7/9/2021

WHIO - COVID-19 Outbreak - 7/12/2021

WDTN - COVID-19 Outbreak - 7/12/2021

DDN - COVID-19 Outbreak - 7/13/2021

Spectrum - COVID-19 Outbreak - 7/13/2021
 Fox 45 - COVID-19 Outbreak - 7/13/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 Outbreak - 7/13/2021
 WLWT - COVID-19 Outbreak - 7/14/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 Cases Rising - 7/15/2021
 DDN, WCPO, Fox 119 - COVID-19 Outbreak - 7/15/2021
 Fox 45 - COAT - 7/15/2021
 DDN - PFAS - 7/15/2021
 DDN - Skin Cancer - 7/16/2021
 DDN - COVID-19 Outbreak - 7/15/2021
 DDN, WDTN, WHIO - Back to School Vaccinations - 7/19/2021
 Spectrum - COVID-19 Outbreak - 7/19/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 Vaccine - 7/20/2021
 Fox 45 - COVID-19 Case Rate - 7/20/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 Vaccine - 7/22/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 CDC - 7/27/2021
 DDN - COVID-19 Expenses - 7/27/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 CDC - 7/27/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 CDC - 7/28/2021
 DDN - COVID-19 CDC - 7/28/2021
 ElevateDayton.com - COVID-19 CDC - 7/28/2021
 Spectrum - COVID-19 CDC - 7/28/2021
 WHIO - STDs - 7/29/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 Vaccinations - 7/29/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 Vaccination Incentives - 7/29/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 Mask Recommendations - 7/30/2021



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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