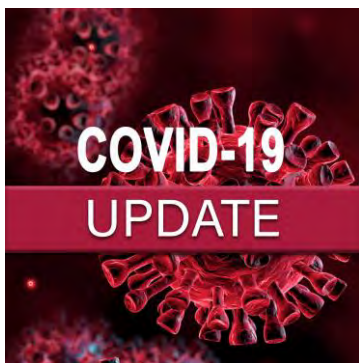




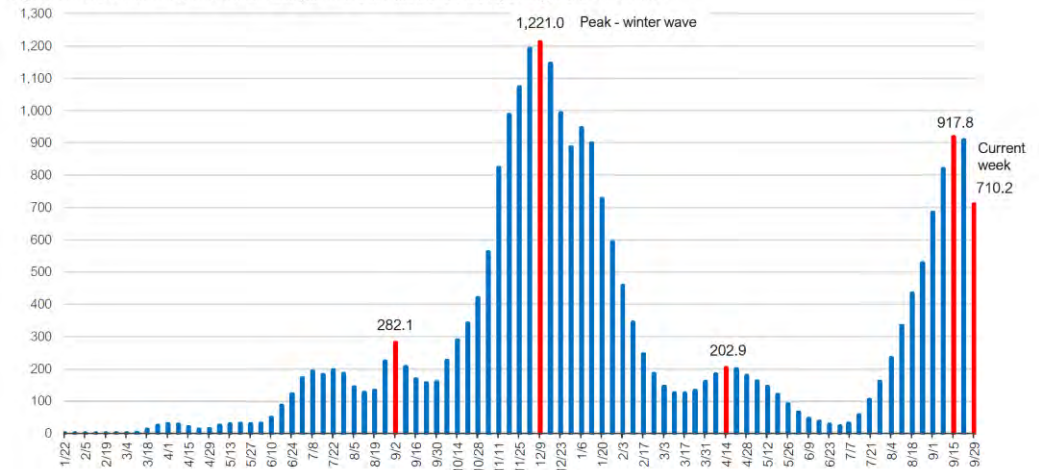
Our Mission: To improve the quality of life in our community by achieving the goals of public health: prevention, promotion and protection.



COVID-19 Cases Remain Very High

The number of COVID-19 cases remain extremely high in Montgomery County. Compared to this time last year, the current two-week incident case rate is nearly 4.5 times higher (159.7 compared to 710.2). In Montgomery County as of October 1, there have been 69,545 total cases, 6,089 total hospitalizations, and 1,183 total deaths. Among the county’s total population of 531,687, 47.4% have been fully vaccinated.

Figure 2. Two-Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 Residents, Montgomery, As of 10/1/2021



Public Health Administering Pfizer COVID Booster Doses
[Public Health is administering booster doses](#) of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to eligible recipients in conjunction with guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ohio Department of Health.



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine to allow for use of a single

booster dose, to be administered six months or longer after completion of the primary series. Eligible individuals are at highest risk for severe COVID-19, and are listed below:

- People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings
- People ages 50 to 64 with [certain underlying medical conditions](#)
- People ages 18 to 49 who are at high risk for severe COVID-19 due to [certain underlying medical conditions](#) based on their individual benefits and risks
- People ages 18-64 who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting based on their individual benefits and risks

For exact dates and times of vaccination clinics in your area visit www.phdmc.org.



Annual Montgomery County Environmental Services Tire Buy Back

After a year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Montgomery County Environmental Services (MCES) held its [annual buy-back event](#) on Sunday, September 19. MCES paid \$2 dollars per tire and each vehicle load was limited to a maximum of ten tires.

Two Environmental Health Specialists from Public Health’s Solid Waste program participated in the event that saw approximately 11,500 tires collected. During the 8 years the event has been held a total of 108,204 tires have been collected.

Used tires cause a major negative impact on the environment. Globally nearly 1 billion tires are recycled annually. With nearly 279 million tires being recycled in the United States alone. Tires that have not been recycled can take valuable space in land fields and can serve as mosquito breeding grounds and present a significant fire hazard.



National Drug Take Back Day

National Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 23, 2021. The [DEA’s National Prescription Drug Take Back Day](#) addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, a majority of misused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. The DEA’s Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths. Locations where you can participate may be found at takebackday.dea.gov.



Public Health Recognizes National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day

National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day ([NLAAD](#)), October 15, (or El Día Nacional de Concientización Latina del SIDA in Spanish) was created by the Latino Commission on AIDS and the Hispanic Federation in 2003. The purpose of this day is to raise public awareness of the HIV epidemic in the Hispanic/Latinx communities in the USA.

According to National Institutes of Health (NIH), Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) remains a serious threat to the health of Hispanic/Latinx communities. Being the fastest growing minority group, as the population grows, the total number of HIV/AIDS cases is likely to also rise significantly.

According to the Ohio Department of Health, there were 973 new diagnoses of HIV reported in Ohio in 2019. Of these, 57 (6%) were among Hispanics/Latinx. Also, of the 24,558 persons living with diagnosed HIV in Ohio at the end of 2019, 7% (1,759) were Hispanics/Latinx. In Ohio Region 9, there were 73 Hispanics/Latinos reported living with diagnosed HIV infection in 2020.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and NIH note that despite the high cases of HIV, and the recommendation that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 get tested for HIV at least once as part of routine health care, many Hispanic/Latinx individuals remain untested. Unfortunately, when Hispanics/Latinos are tested for HIV, they are tested late: Nearly half (48%) are tested for HIV within three (3) years of an AIDS-defining diagnosis.

The CDC estimates that 1 in 6 Hispanics/Latinos with HIV are unaware they have the virus. People who do not know they have HIV cannot take advantage of HIV care and treatment and may unknowingly pass HIV to others. To schedule an HIV test call 937-225-4550.



It's Time for Your Flu Shot

Last year saw a record-low number of flu cases, likely thanks to widespread mask wearing, remote work and school, and physical distancing. But this year, [experts fear](#) that the reopening of schools, decreased adherence to pandemic precautions and surging delta variant infections could create a very serious flu and COVID-19-season. "We've been concerned about vaccine fatigue and that people will be confused about whether or when they need the flu shot, and not very eager to once again roll up their sleeve," says Dr. William Schaffner, medical director of the National Foundation of Infectious Diseases. "Flu is a nasty virus and worth protecting against." The CDC says aim to get your flu vaccine by the end of October.



Commissioner Cooper Honored by NCCJ

Health Commissioner Jeff Cooper was honored for Public Health’s work during the COVID-19 pandemic by the [National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton \(NCCJ\)](#) at its annual Friendship Fundraising Event. The prestigious Humanitarian Award was presented to individuals that have demonstrated commitment to the mission, vision, and goals of NCCJ. Their mission is to build a community dedicated to eliminating bias, bigotry, and all forms of discrimination.

The awards were based on the following criteria:

- Lead, or help empower others to lead efforts to make an organization and/or our community more just and inclusive.
- Educate, advocate, organize and/or mediate to build more inclusive communities.
- Have a reputation for strong and involved community service.
- Promote positive human relations throughout the Dayton area.
- Promote respect and understanding among diverse groups/organizations.
- Have demonstrated the highest standards of honesty and integrity and served as an example for others to follow.

Awards were presented to the following individuals: Jeff Cooper, Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County, Bill Hardy, Equitas Health, Ro Nita Hawes-Saunders, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, Dr. Fr. Benjamin Speare-Hardy II, West Dayton Caravan of Churches and Chaz Amos, I Love West Dayton.



Dan Suffoletto Awarded Communicator of the Year

Public Health’s Public Information Manager, Dan Suffoletto, was named “Communicator of the Year” by the Dayton Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) at its annual Gem City PR Awards banquet. The award is presented annually to an area public relations professional who exhibits exemplary performance in communications during the year. For a full list of winners visit www.prsadayton.org



Media Opportunities:

- Fox 45 - COVID-19 Schools - 9/1/2021
- DDN - COVID-19 FAQ - 9/1/2021
- WDTN - COVID-19 Kids Vaccination - 9/1/2021
- WDTN - COVID-19 Case Rate - 9/2/2021
- WHIO - COVID-19 Call-to-Action - 9/2/2021
- WDTN - COVID-19 Festivals - 9/3/2021
- WHIO - COVID-19 Festivals - 9/3/2021
- DDN - COVID-19 Student Vaccination Rate - 9/7/2021
- DDN - COVID-19 Student Vaccination Rate - 9/8/2021

WDTN, ABC 22, WHIO - COVID-19 Vaccination Incentives - 9/8/2021
 DDN - COVID-19 Schools - 9/10/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 Mask Mandates - 9/13/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 Mask Mandates - 9/14/2021
 DDN, WHIO and WDTN - COVID-19 Incentives - 9/14/2021
 WHIO - COVID-19 Incentives - 9/15/2021
 WDTN, WHIO - COVID-19 Mask Mandates - 9/15/2021
 ABC 22 - Drug Overdoses - 9/16/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic - 9/18/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 Unvaccinated - 9/20/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 Vaccination Cards - 9/20/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 Vaccinations - 9/21/2021
 DDN - COVID-19 Face Masks - 9/22/2021
 DDN - COVID-19 Booster Doses - 9/22/2021
 Fox 45 - COVID-19 Youth Incentives - 9/23/2021
 DDN, WHIO, WDTN, ABC 22 - COVID-19 Booster Doses - 9/24/2021
 ABC 22 COVID-19 Booster Doses - 9/27/2021
 WDTN - COVID-19 Booster Doses - 9/28/2021
 WHIO - COVID-19 Booster Vaccination - 9/29/2021
 DDN - COVID-19 Vaccine Legislation - 9/29/2021
 DDN - Flu Season - 9/30/2021



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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