

Guide to Ohio Vaccine Phases and Scheduling Appointments

COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility 3/18/21

Eligibility Criteria to schedule an appointment:

- Everyone over 40 is eligible
- If under 40 must meet Phase criteria below
- Minimum 18 years of age if in Phase 1
- NO vaccine or injections in last 14 days
- NOT currently under quarantine or isolation
- No plasma treatment for COVID within last 90 days

Phase 1 – Occupations

- Healthcare workers and personnel
- EMS responders & Firefighters
- Residents and staff in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, group homes, residential facilities, or centers and state-run homes for Ohio veterans
- Adults/employees in K-12 schools
- Ohioans who work in childcare services, funeral services, law enforcement and correction services.
- **Childcare staff members** at childcare centers and pre-k programs who have regular, ongoing direct contact with children enrolled in programs
 - Administrators, lead and assistant teachers, and substitute teachers enrolled in Ohio’s Professional Registry who are currently working in childcare
 - Licensing specialists employed by Job and Family Services or a county job and family services agency
 - Does NOT include parent volunteers, board members, or owners/administrators who do not provide in-classroom support.
- **Law enforcement and corrections officers**
 - Sworn law enforcement officers and peace officers who have first responder or direct supervisory responsibilities, must be active duty, working a regular minimum of 20 hours a week.
 - Police officers.
 - Sheriff’s deputies.
 - Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers.
 - Special jurisdiction officers: Other state or federal enforcement officers such as Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) enforcement staff, pharmacy board investigators, BCI agents, state fire marshal investigators, federal transportation security officers, and other federal law enforcement officers who do not have access to vaccination from federal sources.
 - Corrections staff: probation and parole staff, who provide direct services
- **Funeral services:** This group includes licensed staff and active apprentices in the funeral services industry.
 - Embalmers/morticians
 - Crematory operators
 - Funeral home directors
 - Apprentices

Phase 1- Medical Conditions

- People with developmental disabilities and/or mental health disorders
- Medical conditions below that may increase their risk of severe illness and deal from COVID-19:
 - Type 1&2 diabetes
 - Sickle cell anemia
 - Down syndrome
 - Cystic fibrosis
 - Muscular dystrophy
 - Cerebral palsy
 - Spina bifida
 - Severe asthma requiring hospitalization in past year.
 - Born with severe heart defects.
 - Pregnant Women
 - End-stage renal disease
 - Cancer.
 - Chronic kidney disease (CKD).
 - Phenylketonuria (PKU), Tay-Sachs, and other rare, inherited metabolic disorders
 - Epilepsy with continuing seizures; hydrocephaly; microcephaly, and other severe neurological disorders
 - Turner syndrome, fragile X syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, and other severe genetic disorders
 - Alpha and beta thalassemia
 - Solid organ transplant candidates and recipients
 - Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease
 - Bone marrow transplant recipients, hematopoietic cell or stem cell transplants - Does NOT include the kind of stem-cell injections people might receive for orthopedic problems.
 - Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
 - Heart disease.
 - Obesity.