

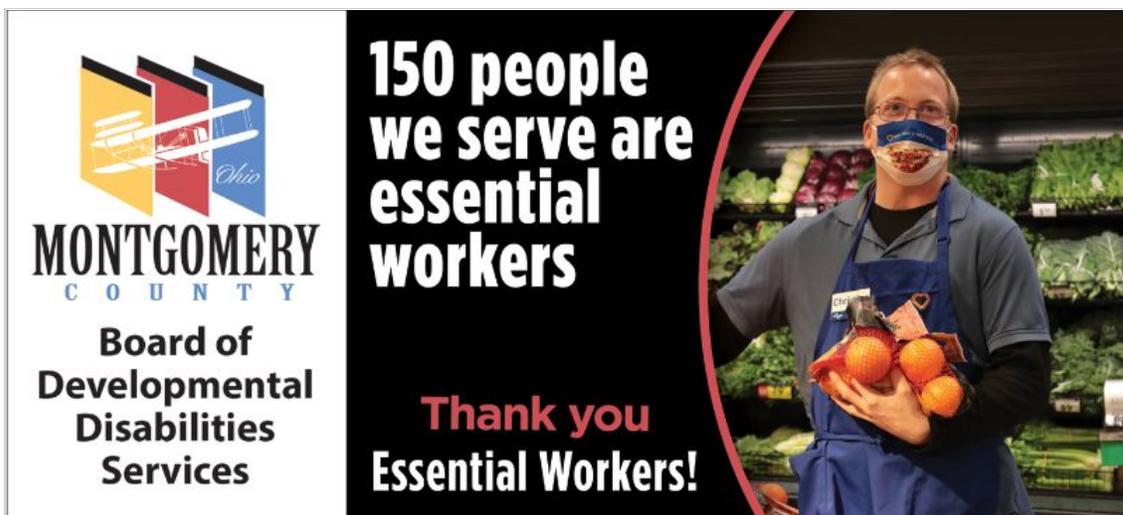
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March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Throughout the month of March, MCBDDS will highlight essential workers with developmental disabilities on billboards throughout the county and in its social media posts. Keep your eyes open, and let's cheer on the important contributions people with DD make in our community!

The infographic is titled "Ohio's Vaccination Program" with the subtitle "A Phased Approach". It features a blue background with white and yellow text. A white arrow points from left to right, labeled "PHASE 1C" with a syringe icon above it. The infographic is divided into three main sections: a left section about limited vaccine supply, a middle section for Phase 1C eligibility, and a right section for working professionals. At the bottom, there are logos for the state of Ohio, Governor Mike DeWine, and the Department of Health, along with the website coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine.

Ohio's Vaccination Program

A Phased Approach

During Phase 1 vaccine supply will be limited.

Vaccine administration will be focused on reaching the following groups:

PHASE 1C

- **Individuals who are:**
 - Living with type 1 diabetes
 - Pregnant
 - Bone marrow transplant recipients
 - Living with ALS
- **Working in:**
 - Childcare Services
 - Funeral Services
 - Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers

All available vaccines will be administered to those who choose to receive it.

#IN THE TOGETHER **Ohio** MIKE DEWINE GOVERNOR OF OHIO **Ohio** Department of Health coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine

State explains Phase 1C eligibility guidelines

The Ohio Department of Health recently announced eligibility information for Phase 1C of vaccine eligibility, which began Thursday, March 4. This phase will focus on:

- Individuals who have additional medical conditions that may increase their risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19. The new qualifying conditions are not already covered through Ohio's age-based approach to vaccine eligibility. These include:
 - People with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease
 - Bone marrow transplant recipients
 - People with Type 1 diabetes

- Women who are pregnant
- Ohioans who work in specific occupations, including child care services, funeral services, law enforcement and correction services, and firefighters. Note: There are specific eligibility qualifications; not all workers within each occupation are eligible.

For more detailed information about eligibility within these categories, please review this fact sheet from the ODH website: <https://bit.ly/38d3s4f>



Still want to get vaccinated?

Provider staff and individuals who qualify for Phases 1A and 1B and are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine can log on to the Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County online registration system at www.phdmc.org beginning Friday, March 5 at 8:30 a.m. to schedule an appointment.

Moving forward, Public Health will use this online registration system to schedule all appointments. We know appointments will fill quickly, so your best chance of getting one is to be on the site precisely at 8:30 a.m. Additional appointments will open up on future Fridays.

The brand of vaccine may vary depending on availability. Please refer to Public Health's vaccination information page at <http://bit.ly/3sOHAEf> to see which vaccine is being offered.

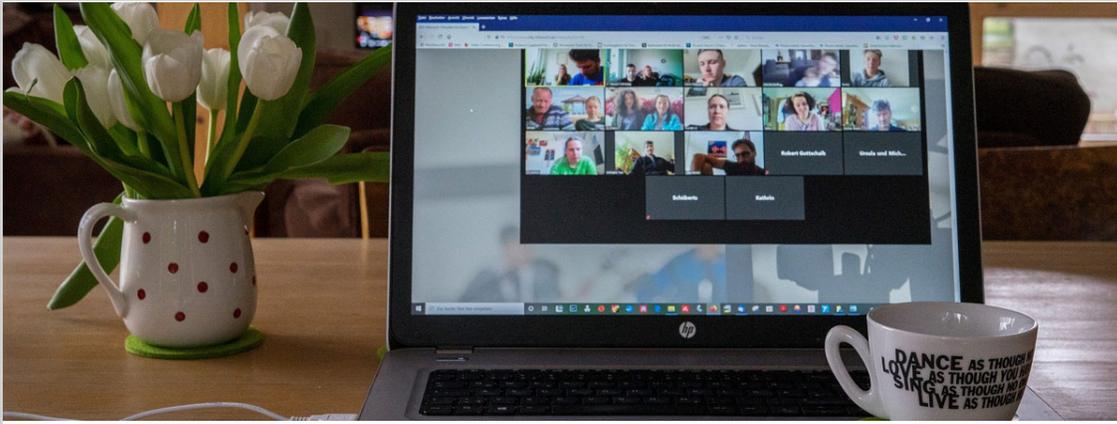


DODD Vaccine Toolkit

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) recently developed a Vaccine Toolkit that includes information and resources for people served and their families:

- "Getting a Vaccine: What To Know About Me" fillable form that people can take with them when they get the vaccine
 - <https://bit.ly/3kEhrVQ>
- "Getting a Vaccine: What to Expect"
 - <https://bit.ly/3kB5nET>
- Plain language information about Ohio's COVID-19 vaccination program
 - <https://bit.ly/3e1mZbN>
- Social Story: Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine (from UC UCEDD and the Center for Dignity in Healthcare for People with Disabilities)
 - <https://bit.ly/303EArp>

Note: If you have an iDevice, these resources will open directly; if using an Android device, the items may download.



Next Family Meeting: Thursday, March 18

MCBDDS hosts virtual meetings with family members and advocates on a monthly basis using Zoom. In this forum, Superintendent Dr. Pamela Combs and members of her leadership team brief individuals and families on the activities of the Board, and answer questions from participants. Families and persons served are also invited to share suggestions and ideas for the Board to consider.

The next Parent Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m. A link to register can be found here: <https://bit.ly/30204EU>

Meetings are also scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Thursday, April 18
- Thursday, May 20
- Thursday, June 17
- Thursday, July 15

Links to register for the above meetings can be found on the MCBDDS website Community Events calendar: <https://www.mcbdds.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=251>

Recordings of Family Meeting sessions are available for those who cannot participate. These sessions are posted on our **YouTube channel** (Montgomery County Board of DD Services) and can be found in a playlist labeled "Family Meetings": <http://bit.ly/3rkYaex>



2021 Transformation Series: Building innovative service models

The 2021 Transformation Series, which opens March 2021, provides an opportunity for stakeholders to gather and share ideas, strategies, and practices that will assist them as they move through the systems change process and help improve person-centered planning, community membership, and employment opportunities for individuals across Ohio.

The series features:

- **Transformation Talks** - Six 1-hour on-demand videos featuring subject matter experts in transformation. From setting the groundwork to engaging families and caregivers to utilizing technology for administrative efficiency, topics include:
 - Individualized Planning and Supports
 - Reimagining Supports: How to Develop Authentic Connections that Go Beyond “Services”
 - Adapting to Revenue and Resource Changes
 - Engaging Families and Caregivers
 - Setting the Groundwork: Making Employment Part of the Intake and Planning Process
 - Utilizing Technology to Communicate and Create Administrative Efficiency

- **Transformation Tuesdays** - Eight 2-hour interactive webinars featuring conversations and connections with provider agencies, county boards of DD, DODD community life engagement project managers, self-advocates and Ohio Leaders, family members, and subject matter experts.

The Transformation Series opens March 2021. For more information, visit: https://ohioemploymentfirst.org/view.php?nav_id=521

Transportation Meetings from AUCD.org - input about self-driving vehicles

The U.S. Access Board will host a series of virtual meetings on making self-driving vehicles work for people with disabilities. These meetings, to be held in March and April, are open to the public and people in the disability community are encouraged to participate.

Not having good transportation continues to be a problem for many people with disabilities making it difficult for them to participate in important opportunities in education, employment, healthcare, housing and community life. New technology like self-driving cars could help solve this problem.

To register for these free meetings, which begin March 10, visit: <https://bit.ly/3sm4liM>

Learn more about the push for accessible autonomous vehicles: <https://joinwewillride.org/>

Learn more about transportation issues in the disability community from the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD): <https://www.aapd.com/advocacy/transportation/>



Upcoming March Events

- **Tuesdays: Breaking Silences Peer Group** - 5:15 p.m., virtual meeting. To join, contact Dr. Julie Williams at julie.williams@wright.edu or 937-266-9375.
- **Thursday, March 18: MCBDDS Parents and Advocates Advisory Council meeting** - 5:30 p.m.: Registration required. <http://bit.ly/3sQOFEs>

For more information and to register for these and other events, visit the MCBDDS Community Events Calendar: <https://www.mcbdds.org/calendar.aspx?CID=14,22>



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