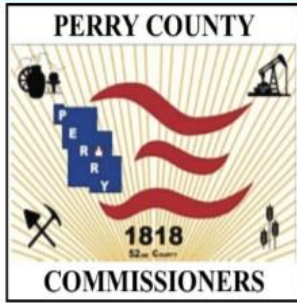




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COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION FOR PHASE 1B POPULATIONS TO BEGIN IN PERRY COUNTY

In conjunction with Ohio's statewide efforts to distribute COVID-19 vaccines to Ohioans in Phase 1B, the Perry County Health Department will be distributing COVID-19 vaccine in Perry County starting the week of January 19th. Additionally, Hopewell Health Centers, Shriver's Pharmacy in Crooksville, and the Kroger Pharmacy in New Lexington will be distributing vaccines in Phase 1B.

The goals of Phase 1B of COVID-19 vaccine distribution are to save lives and to have K-12 students back in school full time by March 1st. Therefore, Governor DeWine announced a tiered system for offering vaccinations to the estimated 2.2 million people in Ohio who are eligible for the vaccine under this phase, beginning with those who are 80 or older. The following timeline has been created:

- **The week of Jan. 19th:** Ohioans 80 years of age and older.
- **The week of Jan. 25th:** Ohioans 75 years of age and older; those with severe congenital or developmental disorders.
- **The week of Feb. 1st:** Ohioans 70 years of age and older; employees of K-12 schools that wish to remain or return to in-person or hybrid models.
- **The week of Feb. 8th:** Ohioans 65 years of age and older.

When a new age group begins, vaccinations may not be complete for the previous age group. It will take several weeks to distribute all the vaccine, given the limited doses available. Vaccines are in short supply in Ohio and across the country. It is anticipated that during the week of January 19th, each of the four Perry County COVID-19 vaccine providers will only receive a total of 100 doses of the vaccine each, for a total of 400 doses provided to Perry County. Each Tuesday, the federal government will inform Ohio of its statewide vaccine allocation. The Ohio Department of Health will then notify each of the COVID-19 vaccine providers in Perry County of how many doses of vaccine, and which vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer) they will be receiving the following week. Earlier this week, we were notified that for the week of January 19th, the Perry County COVID-19 vaccine providers, except for the Perry County Health Department, will be receiving the Moderna vaccine. The Perry County Health Department will be receiving the Pfizer vaccine. The Perry County Health Department has received Moderna vaccine for individuals within Phase 1A who have received Moderna as their first dose and will need their second dose of the vaccine.

While we know that many people in our community are eager to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, we ask that you be patient as demand for the vaccine remains higher than the available supply. We also know that we are receiving information weekly regarding the amount and brand of vaccine we will receive, and this may affect our distribution plans from week to week. Therefore, residents are encouraged to utilize the resources below to stay informed about each of local COVID-19 vaccine providers:



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Perry County Health Department:

- Registration: The Perry County Health Department is accepting online registrations for eligible individuals on our website: perrycountyhealth.info/pchdcovid/. For those without computer access, you may call 740-342-5179. After you register, the Perry County Health Department will contact you to schedule your appointment when we have vaccine available. For employees of K-12 schools, we will be coordinating the vaccination efforts with each school district and will have more information available as we get closer to February 1st.
- For more information, visit our COVID-19 Vaccination Program page on our website, follow us on Facebook, or call 740-342-5179.

Hopewell Health Centers:

- Registration: Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment at Hopewell Health Center, call 740-342-4192.
- For more information follow, Hopewell Health Centers on Facebook and Instagram or visit their website at www.hopewellhealth.org.

Shriver's Pharmacy:

- Registration: Information to schedule an appointment can be found at <https://www.shriverspharmacy.com/> or call 740-982-3081 ext. 0 if you do not have computer access.
- For more information visit the Shriver's Pharmacy website or follow them on Facebook.

Kroger Pharmacy:

- Registration: All COVID-19 vaccines will require an appointment via kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine or 866-211-5320 once vaccines are available.
- For more information visit kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine or call the Kroger COVID-19 vaccine helpline at 866-211-5320 for the latest information on vaccine availability in your area. With vaccines arriving next week, the helpline will be active starting Saturday, January 16th.

As vaccine supply increases, we will be able to vaccinate more of those in Phase 1B, and Ohio will provide vaccine to additional COVID-19 vaccine providers in each county. A statewide vaccine provider dashboard is available beginning January 15th at coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine. Ohioans will be able to search this site to find COVID-19 vaccine providers near them and will be directed to the provider's website for more information. A list of Perry County vaccine providers will be available on perrycountyhealth.info/pchdcovid/. In addition, seniors with questions on the vaccination process are urged to contact the Area Agencies on Aging at www.aging.ohio.gov or by calling 1-866-243-5678.

Together we are prepared to help distribute safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines in our community. In the meantime, we must continue using all the tools available to help prevent the spread of the virus until a substantial number of Ohioans can be vaccinated. Continuing to wear masks and social distancing will reduce your chance of being exposed to or spreading the virus. Proper prevention measures, coupled with the vaccine, will provide the best protection from COVID-19.

A Spanish version of this information can be found at: perrycountyhealth.info/phase1b

Una versión en español de esta información se puede encontrar en: perrycountyhealth.info/phase1b