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Allen County Combined Health District

**Public Health Update: COVID-19** 



\*Level of Community Transmission is based on new cases/100,000 persons and the # of positive cases in the past 7 days. This data can be found on the CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker at <u>https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker</u>. Six (6) new deaths have been reported to ACPH in the past 14 days: 11/4—95 year old 11/5—41 year old female 11/8—89 year old female 11/15 – 66 year old female, 71 year old female and 78 year old female

The ODH Data Dashboard indicates four deaths not previously reported on the weekly update: a female in her 70's on 10/16; a male in his 70's on 10/25, a male in his 70's on 10/27, and an 80+ female on 10/29. These numbers are included in the total number of deaths reported in this update (312).

For daily state and county data, including vaccine data, visit the interactive COVID-19 Ohio Dashboard at <u>https://coronavirus.ohio.gov.</u>

## Allen County cases rising significantly; deemed an area of HIGH transmission for COVID-19.

- The 14-day case rate is high: as of Thursday, 11/18/21, the rate is 976.1. This is the highest the case rate has been since December of 2020. Last Thursday the rate was 794.3. The rate of 976.1 cases/100,000 in the past 14 days is almost 10X the rate considered to be an area of high transmission.
- Hospitalizations and deaths continue to be high for Allen County: 5 new deaths reported to ACPH the week prior to 11/4/21; 3 reported 11/11/21 and 3 new deaths have been reported to ACPH in the past 7 days.
- The COVID-19 vaccination offers the best protection against serious illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19. Visit <u>gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov</u> to schedule a shot with ACPH, or call 419-228-4636.



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## **VACCINE OPPORTUNITIES**

**COVID-19 Vaccinations Available for Children Ages 5-11** ACPH will be offering the pediatric vaccine at special clinics held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the former Elder-Beerman store at the Lima Mall. The Pfizer pediatric vaccine is administered as a two-dose primary series, three weeks apart, but is a lower dose than that used for individuals 12 years of age and older.

#### **Booster Shots Available**

Individuals can now get a booster of either vaccine regardless of which brand was used for their primary series of shots. Eligibility is as follows\*: If you received a Pfizer or Moderna series you can get a booster 6 months after your primary series if you are:

- Age 65 years and older
- Age 18 or older and live in long-term care settings
- Age 18 or older and have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18 or older and work or live in high-risk settings If you received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine you can get a booster after 2 months if you are:
- Age 18 years or older

\*As of 11/18/21, eligibility is expected to expand for more individuals very soon. ACPH will notify the public of expanded eligibility when it becomes available.

ACPH will continue giving 1st and 2nd doses of Moderna and Pfizer vaccine, single dose of Johnson & Johnson, and booster shots for all vaccine brands on Mondays and Fridays at the same location from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended and can be made at gettheshot.coronvirus.ohio.gov or 419-228-4636. Flu shots are also available at each of these clinics.

### For More Information:

- Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5-11
  Years Old
- FAQs for Parents and Guardians of Children and Adolescents Eligible for the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine
- <u>Steps for COVID-19 Vaccines to be Authorized for</u> <u>Children Ages 5-11</u>
- What Does a COVID-19 Vaccine Do?