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### **Butler County Public Health Officials in Initial Vaccination Phases Supply of the COVID-19 Vaccine Remains Low**

BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO – While the number of vaccines is in short supply, Public Health Officials are working collaboratively with Butler County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), health care organizations and partners as well as local, state and government agencies to meet the needs of individuals who qualify for early phases of COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

“Public Health is very excited about getting the COVID-19 vaccines out! In these early phases, the demand for the vaccine has been very high, while the supply has remained low,” says Jennifer Bailer, Health Commissioner for Butler County General Health District (BCGHD). “We are working as fast as possible to ensure the distribution is fast and equitable. We understand how badly people want it. We do ask that the public continues to remain patient however. We will get to everyone who wants the vaccine eventually, but it will take some time as we wait for manufacturers to ramp up their numbers” says Bailer.

Jackie Phillips, City of Middletown Health Commissioner says, “The City of Middletown is committed to vaccinating everyone seeking a COVID-19 immunization. It is our mission to protect our community.”

According to Butler County EMA Director, Matt Haverkos, “As a county we are mustering all available resources and partnerships, including both public and private, to get the vaccine to our community as quick as possible. This effort is utilizing a whole community approach, uniting cities and townships to fight COVID-19 with the best tool available: the vaccine.”

A new resource, launching today, includes a statewide vaccine provider search that will allow Ohioans to search by county, ZIP code, and category to find a provider in their area to administer the vaccine. The vaccine provider search will be available at [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov).

"This has been one of the most rewarding experiences for those of us working to vaccinate our neighbors," said Brandon Saurber, Hamilton Public Information Officer. "To hear the joy in the voices of these residents, knowing that their isolation is nearing an end, is a gift."

Butler County Local Health Departments are experiencing a very high call volume. Health Departments



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and additional vaccine providers kindly ask for your patience as they continue to receive thousands of forms and voicemails.

Saurber continues, "If you have completed a form OR left a voicemail, we will get to you. If you have not heard from us, it is likely one of the following is true: 1.) Your information has not transitioned over to our call list; 2.) You live outside of Hamilton city limits; or 3.) We are not vaccinating residents in your age group at this time."

Some, but not all vaccine providers are scheduling appointments for individuals to receive their first dose of the vaccine. At this time, no Butler County vaccine providers are doing walk-in clinics. If you do not have an appointment, it is vital that you do not physically arrive at the provider location in order to follow safety precautions.

"Public Health plans and trains for mass vaccination events. It is definitely within our wheelhouse to get large numbers of people vaccinated. We look forward to working with all our partners to roll this vaccine out to the public," said Jenny McCoy, Emergency Response Coordinator for BCGHD.

### **Butler County Vaccine Providers**

- **Butler County General Health District**
  - BCGHD is collecting information from organizations and people that are in [Ohio's Phase 1A](#) and [Phase 1B](#) for COVID-19 vaccinations. Please understand that the purpose of this survey is to collect information, but this is not a vaccination waitlist or vaccination scheduling system of any sort. There is no guarantee that by completing this survey you will receive the vaccine from BCGHD, it simply lets us know you are out there so that when it is your turn, we may contact you.
  - BCGHD is currently vaccinating those in Phase 1A: those on the front lines of COVID care, those living in group settings and their staff, and caregivers of those with developmental disabilities. We anticipate moving to Phase 1B shortly, and will also continue with Phase 1A.
  - BCGHD Vaccination Survey can be found on our website at: <http://health.bcoho.us/>
  - Phone Number: 513-863-1770
    - Please do not submit or call more than once.
- **City of Middletown Health Department**
  - The City of Middletown Hospitals, in working partnership with the City of Middletown Health Department and other government agencies are working to meet the need for vaccinating individuals who qualify for [initial vaccine distribution](#).



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- Hospitals are working quickly to provide the vaccine to their employees as vaccine supply is available. Public Health is continuing its COVID-19 vaccination program for those individuals who are identified by the State of Ohio Health Department. **This current phase of vaccination is NOT open to the general public at this time and it is not recommended to contact your provider to schedule an appointment yet.**
- City of Middletown Health Department will notify the public when the next phase begins through outreach to patients, local news media, social media platforms and our website [covid.cityofmiddletown.org](https://www.cityofmiddletown.org/covid). Pre-registration for the vaccine is now open on [covid.cityofmiddletown.org](https://www.cityofmiddletown.org/covid)
- Due to limited vaccine supply, the City of Middletown Health Department is working strategically in getting the vaccine to each targeted group identified by the state as soon as the supply for that group is received.
- **City of Hamilton Health Department**
  - Hamilton Public Health officials are scheduling COVID-19 vaccinations for the first wave of elderly (65+) residents with underlying health conditions in Tier 1B.
  - **Residents MUST have a scheduled appointment.** Registration on the day of is not possible at this time.
  - Scheduling within Tier 1B is being prioritized based on age, per the Governor's orders. If you are a Hamilton resident 65+, please fill out the vaccination form on the website. If you qualify, a member of their staff will contact you when they have available vaccines for your age group.
  - City of Hamilton Health Department Vaccination Survey can be found on their website at: [www.hamilton-oh.gov/](http://www.hamilton-oh.gov/) (PREFERRED for efficiency)
  - Phone Number: 513-785-7080
    - Please do not submit or call more than once.
- **Community First Pharmacy**
  - Beginning next week, Community First Pharmacy will be providing COVID-19 vaccines to the community according to the guidelines set forth by the Ohio Department of Health.
  - Schedule an appointment by visiting: [www.community-first.org/pharmacy](https://www.community-first.org/pharmacy) OR by calling:
    - Hamilton location: 513-645-5447  
210 S. 2nd St., Hamilton, OH, 45011
    - Middletown location: 513-217-8900  
1036 S. Verity Parkway, Middletown, OH, 45044



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- **Kroger Pharmacy**

- Schedule an appointment by visiting: [www.kroger.com/rx/guest/get-vaccinated](http://www.kroger.com/rx/guest/get-vaccinated)
- Phone Number: 1-800-576-4377
- Kroger Pharmacy Locations:
  - 7855 Tylersville Rd., West Chester
  - 560 Wessel Drive, Fairfield
  - 8000 Princeton Glendale Rd., West Chester
  - 5250 Newtown Drive, Liberty Township
  - 1474 Main St., Hamilton
  - 1450 S. Erie Hwy, Hamilton
  - 428 Oxford State Rd., Liberty Township
  - 7300 Yankee Rd., Liberty Township
  - 3420 Towne Blvd, Middletown

We ask for your continued patience to make sure we are vaccinating the right people, at the right time. During this time, we ask for your continued commitment to keep Middletown safe by wearing a mask, washing your hands and staying home when you are ill.

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