

Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care Tracking COVID-19 Vaccines in HMIS

Purpose of this Listserv Message

This message provides information about requirements for homeless assistance projects in the Ohio BoSCoC related to tracking vaccine distribution to clients.

Target Audience

Homeless assistance providers in the Ohio BoSCoC.

COVID-19 Vaccine Tracking Requirements for Ohio BoSCoC Providers

On February 4, 2021, Ohio BoSCoC and HMIS staff hosted a training on COVID-19 vaccine preparedness which included training on the *new Ohio BoSCoC vaccine tracking requirements in HMIS*. Vaccination data is being collected for the sole purpose of helping providers assist clients to access vaccinations and get fully vaccinated.

The following sections provide basic reminders about the requirements, and share links to the recorded webinar, the slide deck from the webinar, the updated HMIS forms, and a newly released FAQ document.

Summary of Vaccination Data Collection Requirements

As a reminder, effective February 5th 2021, Ohio BoSCoC homeless assistance projects are required to complete a **COVID-19 Vaccine Assessment** on clients and record the data in HMIS. These assessment questions have been incorporated into the COVID-19 Screening Tool section of the Coordinated Entry Assessment in HMIS.

All relevant program forms have been updated with the COVID-19 Vaccine Assessment questions and are available on the [Forms](#) page of the HMIS website.

How to Complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Assessment

- Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, and Street Outreach Projects
 - Beginning 2/5/21, complete the *COVID-19 Vaccine Assessment* on all current clients and all clients who enter on or after 2/5/21.
 - Use forthcoming reporting to identify clients in need of a first or second vaccine dose, connecting those clients to the appropriate vaccine provider.
 - Update the *COVID-19 Vaccine Assessment* as appropriate.
- Rapid-Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing Projects
 - Beginning 2/5/21, complete the *COVID-19 Vaccine Assessment* on all enrolled clients who have not moved into permanent housing after 2/5/21.
 - In some cases, the assessment may have already been completed by the local emergency shelter, TH, or outreach provider. In this case, review the data and update if needed.
 - Use forthcoming reporting to identify clients in need of a second dose, connecting those clients to the appropriate vaccine provider.
 - Update the COVID-19 Vaccine Assessment as appropriate.
- Other Project Types
 - Not required.

COVID-19 Vaccine Assessment in HMIS

The new COVID-19 Vaccine Assessment contains 2 sections, one for those who have not been vaccinated and one for those who have had at least one dose. These questions include:

- **If Not Vaccinated for COVID-19:**
 - Would the client consent to a COVID-19 vaccine at no cost?

- Yes/No
 - If not, what are the concerns
- **If Client is Fully or Partially Vaccinated for COVID-19:**
 - COVID-19 Vaccines
 - Date Vaccine Dose #1 Administered, Manufacturer, Client Contact Info, Vaccine Documentation type (eg: vaccine card, self-report, healthcare provider)
 - Date Vaccine Dose #2 Administered, Manufacturer, Client Contact Info, Vaccine Documentation type (eg: vaccine card, self-report, healthcare provider)

The HMIS team also made minor revisions to the response options in HMIS so that providers have the ability to indicate when a client didn't know the answer to a particular vaccine assessment question. More details about those adjustments can be found in the FAQ document available at <https://cohhio.org/boscoc/covid19/>.

Vaccination Data Reporting and Data Quality

Reporting on the vaccine data will be available in R minor elevated (Rme) the week of February 15th. It will identify clients who need their 2nd doses (and when) and give counts by organization and county about total number of current and past clients who indicated they would accept the vaccine. This should help organizations in their vaccination coordination work with local health departments.

The Data Quality reporting in R minor elevated will identify clients 16 and older in ES, TH, and RRH/PSH (who are not yet housed) for whom vaccination data has not been entered.

COVID-19 Vaccine Assessment Training and Guidance Documents

You can find the recorded webinar, the training slide deck, and an accompanying [FAQ and Guidance](#) document on COHHIO's BoSCoC webpage.

Updated HMIS forms can be found on the [Forms](#) page of the HMIS website.

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