Preparing for COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution in Homeless Systems and Agencies

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• Coordination with Local Health Departments
• Education and Communication to Promote Vaccination
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• Tracking Vaccinations
• Ohio BoSCoC - Tracking Vaccinations in HMIS
Overview of COVID-19 Vaccines

• Types of Vaccines
  • Moderna Vaccine
  • Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine

• Safety
  • Clinical trials conducted, concluded both vaccines are safe and effective at preventing COVID-19
  • COVID-19 vaccines held to same safety standards as all vaccines

• Vaccine Dosing
  • 2 vaccine doses needed
    • Either 21 days or 28 days between doses
    • Must receive the same vaccine type for doses 1 and 2
Overview of COVID-19 Vaccines

• Vaccine Side Effects
  • COVID-19 vaccines do not cause COVID-19
  • Side effects of the vaccine may occur, but go away quickly and are a sign the vaccine is working to build immunity

• Other Information
  • It’s safe to get the COVID-19 vaccine even if you have underlying medical conditions
  • Children under age 16 are not yet able to get the vaccine
# Ohio’s Vaccination Plan

**Phased vaccination plan for prioritized populations**

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Ohio’s Vaccination Plan

• First vaccine administered December 2020
• Currently in phase 1b
• Local conditions/experiences may vary
Ohio’s Vaccination Plan

• Local health departments (LHDs) will manage vaccine distribution in their communities
• It is critical that homeless service providers initiate and/or maintain contact with LHDs
Coordination with Local Health Departments

1. Make sure the LHD understands the importance of getting vaccinations to people experiencing homelessness, including those residing in shelters and those in unsheltered locations.

2. Begin conversations with LHDs about how people experiencing unsheltered homelessness may be identified and supported to access vaccines.

3. Advocate to administer vaccines ON-SITE at your local emergency shelters, if space can accommodate.

4. Identify the total number of CLIENTS and STAFF who will likely need the vaccine once available, and communicate this to LHDs.

5. For some communities, it may be most efficient to identify one provider to represent the provider community in communicating with the LHD about vaccine distribution planning.
Education and Communication

• Critical to promote to both clients and staff the importance of being fully vaccinated
Education and Communication

• Staff
  • Educate staff about COVID-19 vaccine safety and provide opportunities for questions
  • Share updates on COVID-19 vaccination among staff
  • Make vaccine confidence visible among staff and in your facility
  • Create vaccine ambassadors/champions to promote vaccine confidence and recognize their successes
  • Vaccination protects staff, their families, their clients

HUD - COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Vaccine Planning and Distribution
Education and Communication

• Clients
  • Educate on how the vaccine will help end the pandemic
  • Provide info about available vaccines, vaccine safety, possible side effects
  • Listen attentively, encourage questions, be empathetic

HUD - COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Vaccine Planning and Distribution
Education and Communication

Incentives

- Can increase overall vaccination rates
- Both monetary and non-monetary incentives can work
- Best work when paired with education, engagement, and help to access vaccines
- Private funds are best for this; not public funds like ESG-CV
Funding to Support Vaccination

Using ESG Funds for Vaccine Distribution

- Annual ESG and ESG-CV grant funds can be used for a wide range of vaccine distribution activities. Recipients can advance funds to help sub-recipients with vaccine roll out.
- Eligible vaccine-related costs under the ESG Program include:

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Developing Plans

Vaccinations in congregate settings

- Coordinate with LHD
- Think about space, incentives
- Include space for those who may experience side effects

HUD Guidance - Congregate Setting Vaccination Event Floor Plan
HUD Guidance - Vaccination in Congregate Settings
Overcoming Barriers

• Distrust of vaccine
• Lack of transportation to/from vaccination sites
• Lack of support to get second vaccine dose
Overcoming Barriers

• Distrust of vaccine
  • Educate, Engage, Create Vaccine Ambassadors

• Lack of transportation to/from vaccination sites
  • Provide transportation, coordinate with Managed Care, get vaccine events on site

• Lack of support to get second vaccine dose
  • Provide transportation if needed, track vaccine doses at client-level, offer incentives
Overcoming Barriers

• Vaccine status does not impact housing prioritization decisions or eligibility determination
  • May still consider prioritizing those at greater risk of complications from COVID-19

• Vaccine status does not impact eligibility for emergency shelter
Tracking Vaccines

• COVID-19 vaccines must be administered in multiple doses, with 3-4 weeks between doses
• Tracking who has received the first dose and needs a second dose is key, but also challenging
• Using HMIS may help identify clients who need first/second dose
Resources

- ODH - Vaccine Provider Locations
- HUD - Homeless System Vaccine Planning and Distribution
- HUD - COVID-19 Vaccine Updates for Homeless Service Providers
Questions?
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Ohio BoSCoC
Tracking Vaccinations in HMIS

- Data Collection Requirements
- Exclusions
- COVID-19 Vaccine Questions
- Data Collection Process
- Reporting
- HMIS Data Entry Demo
Data Collection Requirements

• Effective 2/5/21, vaccination data **must be** collected for all clients in the following projects
  • Emergency Shelter (ES)
  • Transitional Housing (TH)
  • Street Outreach (SO)
  • Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
    • only clients who are awaiting housing
  • Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
    • only clients who are awaiting housing

• Effective 2/5/21, vaccination data **can be** collected for clients in the following projects
  • Clients entering into the Unsheltered Project
Exclusions

- Households contacting Access Points
- Households who have already moved into RRH or PSH as of 2/5/21
- Homeless Prevention and projects that are not homeless-dedicated
- Services Only project types
- All Mahoning County CoC projects
Initial Data Collection Process

ES, TH, RRH, PSH projects

- Identify current clients on 2/5/2021
- Exclude those already moved into RRH and PSH housing
- Use an [HMIS interim update form](#) to collect vaccine information and enter the information into HMIS
Ongoing Data Collection Process

**ES, TH, Street Outreach, RRH, or PSH**

- Collect vaccine data for clients that enter any project starting 2/5/2021.
- Update vaccine data when clients receive their 2\textsuperscript{nd} dose using [HMIS interim update forms](#).
- Update *consent to receive the vaccine at no cost* to reflect the client’s current sentiment.
### IF NOT VACCINATED FOR COVID-19 (Ohio Balance of State CoC Clients)

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COVID-19 Vaccine Questions

COVID-19 Vaccine (Required for All BoS Clients Except Those Housed in RRH or PSH)

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Demonstrations

1. Current Clients Report in *R minor elevated*
2. HMIS RRH Interim Update for Current Client
3. HMIS RRH Entry for New Client
Initial Data Collection Process

Current clients in **R minor elevated**

**ES, TH, or Outreach project:**
1. Run Client Counts report in R minor elevated on your ES, TH, and Outreach projects
2. Set report start and end dates to 2/5/2021
3. The resulting data is the list of clients to assess

**RRH or PSH project:**
1. Run Client Counts report in R minor elevated on your RRH and PSH projects
2. Set report start and end dates to 2/5/2021
3. In the “Status” column, type “Awaiting”
4. The resulting data is the list of clients to assess
Client Counts Report
Allen - West Ohio CAP - HCRP RRH

Select Provider
Allen - West Ohio CAP - HCRP RRH

Date Range
02/05/2021 to 02/05/2021

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Reporting

• In R minor elevated, reporting will help organizations know the following:
  • List of clients interested in receiving the vaccine
    • This can help organizations work with LHDs to arrange for mass vaccine distribution.
  • List of clients due for the 2\textsuperscript{nd} dose in the next 7 days
• Missing vaccine data will show in R minor elevated
  Data Quality reporting clients ages 16+
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