



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

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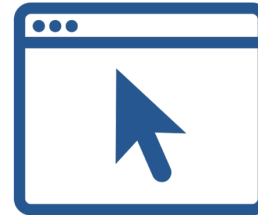
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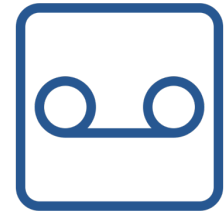
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- Tracking Vaccinations
- Ohio BoSCoC - Tracking Vaccinations in HMIS

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

Phase 1a	Phase 1b	Phase 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• healthcare workers, nursing home/assisted living/state psychiatric hospitals/residential facilities staff and residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ages 65+, those with severe, congenital health conditions, school employees educating in person	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• risk workers, additional school employees, people with comorbid/underlying conditions, all older adults, <u>people in homeless shelters</u>, people in groups homes, people in prisons

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/docs/Interim-Draft-COVID-Vaccination-Plan-10-16-20.pdf>

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



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



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



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



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



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:

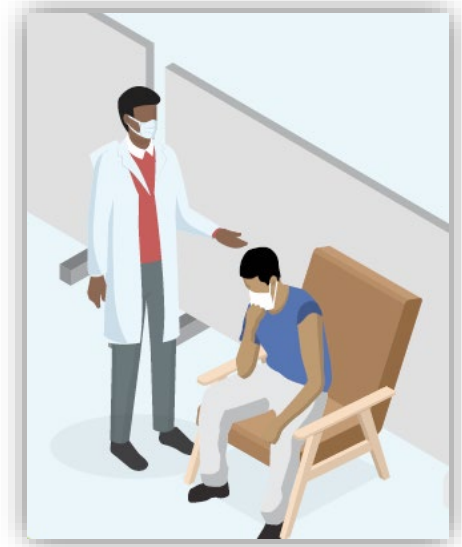
	Emergency Shelter	Street Outreach
Renting spaces for vaccine events	✓ Outpatient Health Services	✓ Emergency Health Services
Hiring vaccine ambassadors to engage/educate peers about the vaccine	✓ Case management	✓ Engagement ✓ Case management
Transporting people to/from vaccine events	✓ Transportation	✓ Transportation
Mobile outreach vans and staff to support vaccine distribution	X	✓ Emergency Health Services
Staff training on vaccine and rollout strategies	✓ Training	✓ Training
PPE and supplies at vaccine events	✓ Operations	✓ Emergency Health Services



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](#)

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Ohio BoSCoC Tracking Vaccinations in HMIS

- Data Collection Requirements
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- 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 in to 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 2nd dose using [HMIS interim update forms](#).
- Update *consent to receive the vaccine at no cost* to reflect the client's current sentiment.

HMIS Forms

IF NOT VACCINATED FOR COVID-19 (Ohio Balance of State CoC Clients)

Client Name	Would the client consent to a COVID-19 vaccine at no cost?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Concerns:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Concerns:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Concerns:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Concerns:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Concerns:

IF CLIENT IS FULLY OR PARTIALLY VACCINATED FOR COVID-19 (Ohio Balance of State CoC Clients)

Client Name	Date Vaccine Dose Administered*	Manufacturer*	Contact Info Client phone number or email address	Vaccination Documentation
	/ /	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderna <input type="checkbox"/> Pfizer		<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare provider <input type="checkbox"/> Self-report <input type="checkbox"/> Vaccine card
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COVID-19 Vaccine Questions

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

If Not Vaccinated for COVID-19:

Would the client consent to a COVID-19 vaccine at no cost?

☒ Yes (HUD) G





If not, what are the concerns?

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If Client is Fully or Partially Vaccinated for COVID-19:



COVID-19 Vaccines

	Date Vaccine Dose Administered	* Manufacturer	Contact Info	Vaccine Documentation
 	12/28/2020	Moderna	fake@fake.com	Vaccine card
 	01/08/2021	Moderna	614-555-1212	Self-report

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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



Home

Prioritization

Client Counts 

Bed and Unit Utilization

Data Quality <

>> Provider-level

>> Data Entry Timeliness

>> Unsheltered

>> Region-level

>> CoC-wide

>> CE Summary

Quarterly Performance Report <

Data last refreshed:

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

Status



Clients



Households



Currently Awaiting Housing


5

2

Currently Moved In

20

9

County	Client ID	Relationship to Head of Household	Entry Date	Move In Date (RRH/PSH Only)	Exit Date	Status
All	All	All	All	All	All	Awaiting 
Allen	[REDACTED]	Head of Household	2020-[REDACTED]			Currently Awaiting Housing ([REDACTED] days)
Allen	[REDACTED]	Head of Household	2020-[REDACTED]			Currently Awaiting Housing ([REDACTED] days)
Allen	[REDACTED]	Child	2020-[REDACTED]			Currently Awaiting Housing ([REDACTED] days)
Allen	[REDACTED]	Child	2020-[REDACTED]			Currently Awaiting Housing ([REDACTED] days)
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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 2nd dose in the in the next 7 days
- Missing vaccine data will show in R minor elevated Data Quality reporting clients ages 16+

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