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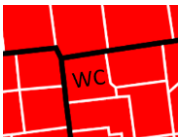


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Community Talking Points

January 5, 2022

Williams County (WC) Data: December 28th – January 4th				
173 New Cases	4 COVID-19 Hospitalizations	13 Deaths Reported (sometimes delayed due to ODH death reporting system change)	45.52% Completed 1st Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine	CDC Level of Community Transmission: RED – HIGH 
#77 Williams County's Rank (based on cases per capita in 88 counties in Ohio)	602.3 – high incidence WC Cases Per Capita (new cases per 100,000 population over 2 weeks)	1364.7 Ohio Cases Per Capita (new cases per 100,000 population over 2 weeks)	42.03% Completed COVID-19 Vaccine Series	

- **Should I get a COVID-19 booster?** *Source: CDC & WebMD*
 - Yes, you should get a COVID-19 booster when you become eligible to receive the best protection against COVID-19, especially with the new variant Omicron. Studies show after getting vaccinated against COVID-19, protection against the virus and the ability to prevent infection with variants may decrease over time and due to changes in variants.
 - The number one goal for COVID-19 vaccines is to protect against severe illness and death. Your protection against COVID-19 greatly increases if you follow the recommended schedule for the booster.
 - Data from clinical trials showed that a booster shot increases antibodies to improve protection against getting infected with COVID-19. Higher antibody levels from vaccines makes the average person less likely to get sick from COVID-19. The booster provides even greater protection against severe disease and death.

- **When should I get a booster?**
 - **Pfizer** - If you received the Pfizer vaccine for your first two doses of the series, it is recommended that you get a booster **5 months** after your second dose for those 16 and older.
 - **Moderna** - If you received the Moderna vaccine for your first two doses, it is recommended that you get a booster **6 months** after your second dose.
 - **Johnson & Johnson** - If you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you should get a booster **2 months** after receiving your only dose. It is now recommended that you receive a mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) for your booster dose. Booster shots of mRNA vaccines increase antibodies by about 10 times.
- **Mix & Match:** You may choose any type of COVID-19 vaccine for your booster dose, but mRNA vaccines (Moderna or Pfizer) are recommended, with the exception of adolescents ages 16-17 who are only eligible for Pfizer.

Do I qualify for a COVID-19 booster?

WHICH PRIMARY VACCINE SERIES DID YOU COMPLETE?	Pfizer	Moderna	J&J
YOU CAN GET A BOOSTER IF: 	It has been at least 5 months since completing the primary series AND you are: Age 16+	It has been at least 6 months since completing the primary series AND you are: Age 18+	It has been at least 2 months since completing the primary vaccination AND you are: Age 18+
IF ELIGIBLE, YOU CAN GET A BOOSTER OF: 	Pfizer Moderna* J&J* <small>** If 18 years or older</small>	Moderna Pfizer J&J	Moderna Pfizer J&J** <small>** The CDC recommends the mRNA vaccines over J&J</small>

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