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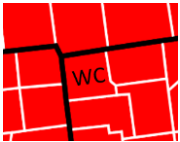


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Community Talking Points

December 15, 2021

Williams County (WC) Data: December 7th – December 14th				
172 New Cases	6 COVID-19 Hospitalizations	3 Deaths Reported (sometimes delayed due to ODH death reporting system change)	44.55% Completed 1st Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine	CDC Level of Community Transmission: RED – HIGH 
#2 Williams County's Rank (based on cases per capita in 88 counties in Ohio)	1073.8 – high incidence WC Cases Per Capita (new cases per 100,000 population over 2 weeks)	718.5 Ohio Cases Per Capita (new cases per 100,000 population over 2 weeks)	41.34% Completed COVID-19 Vaccine Series	

- **The FDA updated booster eligibility to include 16- and 17-year-old individuals who received the Pfizer vaccine.**
 - This is an important step toward strengthening protection against COVID-19 for teens ages 16 and 17.
 - COVID-19 vaccine providers in Ohio are now offering booster doses to 16- and 17-year-olds at least six months following completion of their primary vaccination series (2 doses of Pfizer).

- **How do we know the COVID-19 vaccine won't have long-term side effects that are not discovered yet?**

COVID-19 vaccines have strong evidence that they provide protection from severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. While we are still learning about COVID-19 vaccines, there are several reassuring facts about their safety that we should keep in mind.

 - **Historically, there has not been a vaccine that has revealed long-term effects later than 2 months.**
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - Severe side effects from vaccines are extremely rare. Vaccine monitoring has historically shown that side effects reveal themselves within six to eight weeks after receiving a dose.
 - More than 459 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines were administered in the United States from December 14, 2020, through November 29, 2021. The most common side effects include pain, redness, or swelling on the arm where the shot was given or tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever, nausea. Learn more about possible side effects or rare side effects from COVID-19 vaccines: <https://bit.ly/3IRRtZU> & <https://bit.ly/3OexP9P>
 - **COVID-19 vaccines do not stay in your body.** Unlike many medications that are taken daily, vaccines are administered then are quickly eliminated by the body. While you may hear about some medicines that have side effects or long-term effects that are discovered over time, these drugs often build up in the body over months and years. With COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine remains in the body for only a short time before the body removes it.
 - **Research is revealing that some people have long-term effects from COVID-19 infection.** It is important to weigh your risk of being infected with COVID-19 versus getting the COVID-19 vaccine. *Source: CDC*
 - Post-COVID are “a wide range of new, returning, or ongoing health problems people can experience four or more weeks after first being infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. These post-COVID conditions may also be known as long COVID, long-haul COVID, post-acute COVID-19, long-term effects of COVID, or chronic COVID.” Learn more about post-COVID conditions: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/long-term-effects/index.html>