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Community Talking Points

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- COVID-19 cases remain high in Williams County. In the past 7 days (Feb. 9th-Feb. 16th), there have been 60 new cases, 3 hospitalizations, and 2 deaths. As of 2/11, Williams County remains level 3 (red) on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System (OPHAS) and triggered 2 of the 7 indicators (New cases per capita & Non-congregate cases) and high incidence.
- **Vaccine Myths vs. Facts** - *Source: CDC & ODH*
 - Myth: COVID-19 vaccines cause infertility or other serious medical problems. **Fact: No serious safety concerns have been observed for the COVID-19 vaccines that have received emergency use authorization in the U.S.**
 - COVID-19 vaccines have not been linked to infertility or miscarriage.
 - There is no scientific evidence to suggest that the vaccine could cause infertility. In addition, infertility is not known to occur as a result of being infected with COVID-19. This shows that the body's response to the virus, whether induced by infection or a vaccine, are not a cause of infertility. There is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccines cause infertility or increase the risk of miscarriage.
 - The most common side effects from the vaccine were fatigue, headache, soreness or redness at the injection site, and muscle or joint pain. Side effects like these, while unpleasant, are a sign that your body is responding properly to create immunity from the virus that causes COVID-19.
 - Myth: COVID-19 isn't very serious, so I don't need to get the vaccine. **Fact: The severity of COVID-19 symptoms varies widely, and getting vaccinated can help prevent infection with COVID-19.**
 - While many people with COVID-19 have only a mild illness, others may get a severe illness or die. There is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you, even if you are not at increased risk of severe complications.
 - If you get COVID-19, you may spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you while you are sick. COVID-19 vaccination helps protect you by allowing your body to create an antibody response without having to experience sickness.
- **People who are 65 years or older in Williams County can register for a COVID-19 vaccine.**
 - **ONLINE:** Register online by completing the form on the Williams County Health Department's website (bit.ly/WCVaccine).
 - **BY PHONE:** Register over the phone by calling the Williams County Vaccine Call Center at **419-636-0081**. The call center is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm. Please reserve phone lines for those who cannot use online resources.