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Community Talking Points

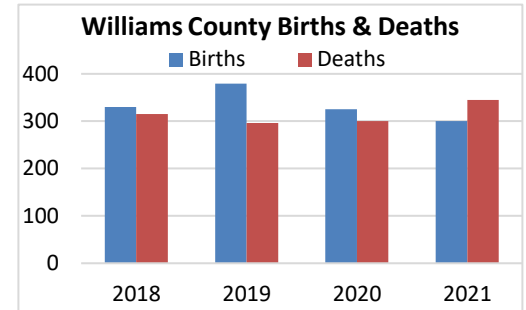
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Williams County (WC) Data: February 22nd – March 1st				
32 New Cases	5 COVID-19 Hospitalizations	3 Deaths Reported (sometimes delayed due to ODH death reporting system change)	46.88% Completed 1st Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine	COVID-19 Community Level: Medium COVID-19 Community Level  Click for guidance: bit.ly/3sta3SQ
#18 Williams County's Rank (based on cases per capita in 88 counties in Ohio)	286.2 – high incidence WC Cases Per Capita (new cases per 100,000 population over 2 weeks)	160.7 Ohio Cases Per Capita (new cases per 100,000 population over 2 weeks)	43.58% Completed COVID-19 Vaccine Series	

- **There were more deaths than births in Williams County in 2021.** This is not a normal trend for Williams County. This increase in deaths is likely caused by the increase in COVID-19 related deaths that took place last year. In 2021, 88 Williams County residents died from COVID-19, about 25% of all deaths.
- **The CDC updated its guidance on the interval between first and second COVID-19 vaccine doses (mRNA vaccines) for some groups.**





(Source: [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov))

- The CDC recommends an **8-week** period between first and second doses of mRNA vaccines for some people ages 12 and older, especially males ages 12 to 39.
- A **shorter interval** (3 weeks for Pfizer, 4 weeks for Moderna) between first and second doses is still recommended for: people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised; adults ages 65 years and older; and others who need rapid protection due to increased concern about community transmission or risk of severe disease.
- The chart below shows the recommended schedule for each available COVID-19 vaccine. Check the schedule to see if you are up to date.



Manufacturer	Age Group Eligible	Number of Doses in Primary Series	Interval between 1st and 2nd Dose	Booster Dose Recommended?	Booster Eligible
Pfizer-BioNTech	5-11 years	2	3 weeks	Not At This Time	NA
Pfizer-BioNTech	12 years +	2	3-8 Weeks	Yes	5 Months After 2nd Dose
Moderna	18 years +	2	4-8 Weeks	Yes	5 Months After 2nd Dose
Janssen (J&J)	18 years +	1	NA	Yes	2 Months After Dose

- **The CDC developed a new tool to determine each county’s level of risk and minimize the impact of severe COVID-19 illness on health and society.**
 - There are 3 levels – low, medium, and high – that can be used for communities to decide what prevention measures to take based on the latest data.
 - The CDC uses 3 indicators to determine the level for each county. First, it looks at whether a county has fewer than 200 cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days. Then, it determines the number of new admissions and inpatient beds being used for at local hospitals. Learn more about the new levels: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>
 - A county’s COVID-19 Community Level will help determine what prevention measures are needed to protect yourself and your loved ones and reduce the strain on the medical system. See the chart below with the guidance for each level. Please note that anyone may choose to take additional precautions during any level and there are some people who will need to mask temporarily regardless of the level in the community.
 - You can check Williams County’s COVID-19 Community Level using the following link. We will also add this information to our social media and website. bit.ly/LevelCheck

<p>Low COVID-19 Community Level</p> 	<p>Medium COVID-19 Community Level</p> 	<p>High COVID-19 Community Level</p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions if you’re at high risk for severe illness • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a mask indoors in public • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms • Take additional precautions as needed, if you’re at high risk for severe illness
 <p>Regardless of COVID-19 Community Level, wear a mask if you have...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms of COVID-19 • A positive COVID-19 test • Exposure to someone with COVID-19 		