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Community Talking Points

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Williams County (WC) Data: March 31st – April 7th				
3 New Cases	0 COVID-19 Hospitalizations	0 Deaths Reported (sometimes delayed due to ODH death reporting system change)	46.68% Completed 1st Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine	COVID-19 Community Level:  Low COVID-19 Community Level Click for guidance: bit.ly/3sta3SQ
#69 Williams County's Rank (based on cases per capita in 88 counties in Ohio)	21.8 – below high incidence WC Cases Per Capita (new cases per 100,000 population over 2 weeks)	41.3 Ohio Cases Per Capita (new cases per 100,000 population over 2 weeks)	43.49% Completed COVID-19 Vaccine Series	

New data & community level are released on the WCHD & ODH website on Thursday evenings or Friday mornings:

bit.ly/379q27z & bit.ly/3rnmD59

Johns Hopkins Video Project:

The Williams County Health Department received a technical assistance grant from Johns Hopkins University to help answer questions about COVID-19 vaccines that we have heard in our community. Interviews were conducted with local residents over Zoom and in-person, and animation videos are being developed to answer common questions. Last week, we completed the final interviews and, after the animation videos are complete, we will share these resources with Williams County. This will be a very helpful tool to help people get the answers they need before they make decisions about vaccinations.

Order Additional Free COVID-19 Tests:

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 2 sets of 4 free at-home tests. If you already ordered your first set, order a second today. If you'd rather place an order by phone or you know someone who doesn't have access to the internet, like an elderly relative, you can call the helpline at 1-800-232-0233.

<https://www.covidtests.gov/>



Pictured Above: The production team met with Dr. Lindsay Bradbee, Joy Saneholtz, & Aaron Dunlap.

New Booster Recommendations:

Following action by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Tuesday, March 29th, **people in the following higher-risk categories may choose to receive a second booster dose to strengthen protection, based on their individual benefits and risks:** (source: Ohio Department of Health)

- **People age 50 and older** who received an initial mRNA booster dose (Pfizer or Moderna) at least **four months** ago **MAY RECEIVE a second booster dose** of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. A second booster dose may be most beneficial for people who are age 65 and older, or who are age 50-64 with certain underlying medical conditions.


- **People age 12 and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised** (<https://bit.ly/3wVzjnr>) who received an initial mRNA booster dose (Pfizer or Moderna) at least **four months ago MAY RECEIVE a second booster dose** of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer, age 12+; Moderna, age 18+). This means individuals age 12 years and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised may receive as many as five doses – the recommended three-dose primary series for people who are immunocompromised, plus two booster doses.
- In addition, based on a newly published CDC report, **adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months ago MAY RECEIVE a second booster dose** using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

The CDC and FDA will continue to evaluate if a second booster dose will be recommended for any other populations.

Do I qualify for a COVID-19 vaccine booster and which one?			
Which primary vaccine series did you complete?	Pfizer-BioNTech or Comirnaty	Moderna or Spikevax	Janssen (J&J)
You may get a single booster dose if:	It's been at least 5 months since completing a primary series AND you are age 12+	It's been at least 5 months since completing a primary series AND you are age 18+	It's been at least 2 months since completing the primary vaccination AND you are age 18+
If eligible, you may get a single booster dose of:	Pfizer-BioNTech* Moderna Janssen (J&J)	Moderna Pfizer-BioNTech Janssen (J&J)	Janssen (J&J) Pfizer-BioNTech Moderna
You may get a second booster dose if:	It's been at least 4 months since the first booster dose AND you are age 50+ OR age 12+ with certain kinds of immunocompromise	It's been at least 4 months since the first booster dose AND you are age 50+ OR age 18+ with certain kinds of immunocompromise	It's been at least 4 months since the first booster dose AND you are age 50+ OR age 18+ with certain kinds of immunocompromise
If eligible, you may get a second booster dose of:	Pfizer-BioNTech* Moderna	Pfizer-BioNTech Moderna	Pfizer-BioNTech Moderna

*Only Pfizer-BioNTech can be used for first and second booster doses in those ages 12 through 17.

For more information, visit www.fda.gov/covid19vaccines



Click here to see a larger graphic: <https://bit.ly/3v6ZaWl>

Direction of the Community Talking Points

The Williams County Health Department values the partnerships that were developed throughout the pandemic. While the community talking points will continue to provide COVID-19 updates to our community and partners, we would also like to raise awareness of other community initiatives that the health department is involved in. Below are some programs and updates that may be of interest.



WILLIAMS COUNTY CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY PROGRAM

The WCHD has Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs) available to make sure your child is riding safely in vehicles.

AVAILABLE SERVICES:

- **FREE** car seat checks
- **FREE** car seats for eligible families

Car Seat Program – Did you know that more than half of all car seats are installed incorrectly?

The WCHD has a child passenger safety program available to help caregivers ensure that their children are safe while in vehicles. Our Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs) will check your child's car seat to make sure it is properly installed. CPSTs are trained to provide caregivers education about transporting children in vehicles as safely as possible. The program offers any Williams County residents free car seat checks and education. Some families are also eligible to receive free car seats for their children. Call 419-485-3141 to schedule an appointment for a car seat check or learn more about the program. www.williamscountyhealth.org/car-seats/

Williams County 2022 Community Health Assessment:

Every three years, the Williams County Health Partners, a coalition of local Williams County agencies, conducts surveys to learn more about Williams County adults and youth and the factors that affect their health. This year, the coalition has been working to review the questions and send surveys to a randomized group of Williams County residents. The data will be compiled and analyzed by a third party consultant. The final report will be available for all Williams County residents later this year. In the past, the Community Health Assessment has been used by agencies to apply for grants to bring in new funding for Williams County initiatives. It is also used to improve current Williams County programs.

Upcoming Recycling Events:

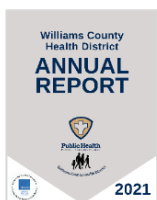
A Tire Recycling Event has been scheduled on Thursday, May 19th from 3:30pm to 6:30pm at the Williams County Engineer's Office. Tires must be off the rim to be recycled. Each tire costs \$1.00. If you have any questions about the event, contact Mike Shultz at 419-485-3141 ext. 123. Learn more: bit.ly/WCHDRecycle



Tire Recycling Event

Date: May 19, 2022
Time: 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Cost: \$1.00 per tire
Location: County Engineer's Office
 12953 County Road C, Bryan, OH

Larger Image: bit.ly/3Ko48EV



WCHD 2021 Annual Report:

The WCHD 2021 Annual Report has been published. The report includes an overview of WCHD programs and services throughout 2021. The report also includes information about COVID-19 for Williams County. Find the report here: bit.ly/3rpxOP