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Community Talking Points

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- In the past 7 days (April 20th-April 27th), there have been 39 new cases, 6 hospitalizations, and 0 deaths reported. As of 4/22, Williams County remains level 2 (orange) on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System (OPHAS) and triggered 3 of the 7 indicators (New cases per capita, New cases increase, & Non-congregate cases) and high incidence. Last Thursday, Williams County ranked 2nd out of 88 counties for highest new cases per capita (incidence) rate.
- **The CDC has updated mask guidance. Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask outdoors, except in certain crowded settings and venues.** Read more here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>
- **The CDC recommends that the use of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine can resume.** *Source: CDC*
 - The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and CDC recommend vaccination with the J&J COVID-19 vaccine resume among people 18 years and older. However, women younger than 50 years old should be aware of the rare but increased risk of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS). TTS is a serious condition that involves blood clots with low platelets. There are other COVID-19 vaccine options available for which this risk has not been seen.
 - **Why did the pause end?**
 - A review of all available data shows that the J&J vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks for those recommended to receive it. The pause allowed CDC to communicate with healthcare providers and re-emphasize the importance of reporting severe events in people who have received this vaccine, as well as how to report such events. The pause also gave experts time to carefully review all available data and conduct a risk-benefit analysis around the use of this vaccine.
 - **What do I need to consider if I want to get the J&J COVID-19 vaccine?**
 - While the risk of a blood clot is rare, for 3 weeks after receiving the J&J vaccine, you should be on the lookout for possible symptoms of a blood clot with low platelets. These include severe or persistent headaches or blurred vision, shortness of breath, chest pain, leg swelling, persistent abdominal pain, or easy bruising or tiny blood spots under the skin beyond the injection site. Seek medical care right away if you develop one or more of these symptoms.
 - **Has this issue been seen with the other COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer or Moderna)?**
 - No. Blood clots with low platelets has not been linked to the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines after more than 210 million doses administered. These vaccines are safe and effective.
- **The following page shows public health recommendations for fully vaccinated people versus unvaccinated people, considering COVID-19 risk and mask use. People are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after completing the COVID-19 vaccination series (1 dose of J&J, 2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna).**

Choosing Safer Activities

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest		Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		Indoor	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Ride public transport with limited occupancy	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

Get a COVID-19 vaccine



Prevention measures not needed



Take prevention measures

Fully vaccinated people: wear a mask
Unvaccinated people: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.