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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: JANUARY 19, 2021 COVID-19 UPDATES

Key Resources

1. [CCAO CARES Act Funds Resources Webpage](#)
2. [OBM Ideas on How to Use Coronavirus Relief Funding](#)
3. [OBM CARES Act Funds Guidance 11.20.2020](#)
4. [CCAO Guidance on Using CARES Act Funds](#)
5. [Treasury Guidance CARES Act Funds 9.2.2020](#)
6. [Treasury CARES Act Funds FAQs 10.19.2020](#)
7. [CAB: COVID-19 Vaccinations for Public Employees](#)

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Gov. DeWine Press Conference: COVID-19 Vaccination Program Phase 1B begins

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine talked with Ohio residents over the age of 80 who received the COVID-19 vaccine today as [Phase 1B](#) began. Information about which providers are currently giving vaccinations in each county can be found at vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov. The governor stated that the administration expects the number of vaccines coming into the state to stay at the same level for the next several weeks. The number could increase when the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is approved and available, possibly in March.

Next week, vaccines will be available to Ohioans with a developmental or intellectual disability **and** one of the severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders listed in the image below. Local county boards of developmental disabilities will reach out to each person who is eligible for the vaccine under these criteria and will coordinate receipt of that vaccine. Local health departments and children's hospitals are partnering to administer the vaccines. Beginning February 15th, Ohioans with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders without a developmental or intellectual disability will be eligible to receive the vaccine.



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Ohio's Vaccination Program

Phase 1B

Ohioans with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders

During the initial rollout of vaccinations for the individuals with congenital, early-onset, and inherited conditions, individuals must have a developmental or intellectual disability and **one of the following conditions:**

- Cerebral palsy
- Spina bifida
- Severe congenital heart disease
- Severe type 1 diabetes requiring hospitalization within the past year
- Inherited metabolic disorders, including phenylketonuria
- Severe neurological disorders, including epilepsy, hydrocephaly, and microcephaly
- Severe genetic disorders, including Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, Turner syndrome and muscular dystrophy
- Severe lung disease, including asthma requiring hospitalization within the past year and cystic fibrosis
- Sickle cell anemia
- Alpha and beta thalassemia
- Solid organ transplants



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The governor also provided an update on vaccinations of adults working in schools, another portion of Phase 1B. 96% of public school districts have committed to returning to school at least partially in-person by March 1st. The state has designated an Educational Service Center to each district as a partner to finalize vaccination plans. Each school district will partner with a retail pharmacy secured by the state or an existing local partnership for vaccine administration. Vaccinations will begin on February 1st and the state plans to release more details next week.

The [COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard](#) is live. For more information about Ohio's COVID-19 vaccination program, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov. The state's communications toolkit for the vaccination program can be found [here](#). NACo provided a communications toolkit as well that can be found [here](#).

Gov. DeWine also announced that he is appointing former Supreme Court Justice Judith French as Director of the Ohio Department of Insurance.

There were 4,989 new COVID-19 cases reported today. Additionally, there were 254 additional hospitalizations and 20 additional ICU admissions in the past 24 hours. To view the latest COVID-19 data, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

A video of the governor's January 19th press conference can be found [here](#). Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Recording from CCAO Webinar – Federal Policy Developments and their Impacts on Public Employers in 2021

The recording and slides from CCAO's webinar titled "Federal Policy Developments and their Impacts on Public Employers in 2021" are available on our website. The recording can be found [here](#). The slides can be found [here](#). Thank you to Marc A. Fishel of Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff, LLP for presenting.

Other Resources

[Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#)

[Public Health Advisory System Map and Resources](#)

[Ohio COVID-19 Travel Advisory Information](#)

[Current Information Regarding Reopening](#)

[Editable #InThisTogetherOhio Logo](#)

[NACo COVID-19 webpage](#)

Visit <https://ccao.org/resources/coronavirus-updates/> for updates, FAQs and previous memos. Current information from the Ohio Department of Health can be found at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov. If you want to help Ohio's response to this pandemic, you can contact the state at together@governor.ohio.gov. If you have questions regarding this memo or best practice suggestions relating to COVID-19, please contact Rachel Massoud, policy analyst, at rmassoud@ccao.org.