



Our Mission: To improve the quality of life in our community by achieving the goals of public health: prevention, promotion, and protection.



Montgomery County Now COVID-19 Level Medium

As of June 30, Montgomery County has been elevated to the medium level on the CDC's [COVID-19 Community Level Index](#). COVID-19 Community Levels can help communities and individuals make decisions based on their local context and their unique needs. Community vaccination coverage and other local information, like early alerts from surveillance, such as through wastewater or the number of emergency department visits for COVID-19, when available, can also inform decision making for health officials and individuals.

When a community reaches the medium level, CDC recommends the following:

- If you are [at high risk for severe illness](#), talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions
- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

Children Under Five Can Start Receiving COVID-19 Vaccines

On June 18, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) endorsed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation [that all children 6 months through 5 years of age should receive a COVID-19 vaccine](#). This expands eligibility for vaccination to nearly 20 million additional children and means that all Americans ages 6 months and older are now eligible for vaccination.



Parents and caregivers can now get their children 6 months through 5 years of age vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines to better protect them from COVID-19. All children, including children who have already had COVID-19, should get vaccinated.

COVID-19 vaccines have undergone—and will continue to undergo—the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. Parents and caregivers can play an active role in monitoring the safety of these vaccines by [signing their children up for V-safe](#) – personalized and confidential health check-ins via text messages and web surveys where they can easily share with CDC how a child feels after getting a COVID-19 vaccine.

To schedule a vaccination for children ages 6 months up to 5 years of age, call the Public Health Clinic at 937-225-4550. For ages 5 and above visit [Public Health’s website](#) for the latest schedule.



OD Surge Alert System Launches

The Community Overdose Action Team is proud to launch the [OD Surge Alert](#) system, which is designed to help decrease the number of people dying from overdoses in Montgomery County.

The system alerts subscribers when there is a surge in overdoses in Montgomery County by sending a text message. Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County’s epidemiology department monitors reports of overdoses in Montgomery County 24/7, from hospitals and many fire departments, and calculates whether there are more overdoses than expected within a given time.

If an alert is triggered, a warning message will be sent via text to individuals who have registered to receive the alerts. The alerts will have information and tips about how to keep safe during the surge. The tips will include action items such as a reminder to have Narcan available and to never use drugs alone.

The system is designed so anyone can register for the alerts. In addition to individuals who may be using drugs, we encourage their family, friends, loved ones, community support systems, and treatment providers to also register to receive these vital life-saving alerts.

You do not need to live in Montgomery County to register, however the alerts **will only be for events that take place in Montgomery County. To register for the alerts, text your five-digit zip code to 937-582-8667. Or visit mccoat.org for more information.**



2022 Summer Ozone Alert

The Regional Air Pollution Agency’s (RAPCA) six county region (Preble, Darke, Miami, Clark, Montgomery, and Greene) experienced its first ozone exceedances of the 2022 season on Tuesday, June 21st and Wednesday, June 22nd.

When conditions are favorable for elevated levels of ground-level ozone, RAPCA will issue Air Quality Advisories so people can change their activities to protect their health. Ozone levels have been on the decline in recent years due to emissions reductions from a variety of sources, including cleaner vehicles and power plants switching from coal to cleaner-burning natural gas, however the region still experiences several exceedances each summer.

If you are interested in receiving daily updates or Air Quality Alerts, you can sign up for U.S. [EPA's EnviroFlash](#) service to receive email and/or text notifications.



PHAB Congratulates Public Health on its “Continued Commitment to Improvement”

To maintain accreditation, Public Health is required to annually submit a written report to the [Public Health Accreditation Board \(PHAB\)](#). The feedback received represents the combined efforts of all our employees and validates that Public Health continues to be a high performing health department that is addressing the needs of the community we serve.

PHAB said, “Public Health has pivoted over the last two years to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, while providing valuable, equitable public health services to the community.”

The Board report also noted Public Health’s thoughtful, comprehensive responses to the 2021 Annual Report. Areas highlighted included:

- ✓ Strengthening relationships with existing partners and establishing new ones during COVID-19 response and recovery efforts. This work “will certainly benefit collaborative work in the future”.
- ✓ Presenting lessons learned on our COVID-19 and tornado responses with other local and state agencies.
- ✓ Taking important steps towards formalizing and integrating quality improvement and performance management into day-to-day operations and organizational culture.
- ✓ Gathering customer feedback from the mass vaccination clinics and using the data to drive improvement in services.

Public Health was accredited in February 2018 and will apply for reaccreditation in January 2023. Approximately 11% of local health departments in the United States are accredited.



FDA (Food and Drug Administration) effectively bans Juul e-cigarette sales in U.S.

The Food and Drug Administration recently ordered JUUL to stop selling e-cigarettes in the U.S. market, a type of e-cigarette that was [linked to the teenage vaping crisis](#).

The [FDA order](#) affects JUUL's products in the U.S. market, the overwhelming source of the company's sales. JUUL's sleek vaping cartridges and sweet-flavored pods helped usher in an era of alternative nicotine products that became exceptionally popular among young people and invited intense scrutiny from antismoking groups and regulators who feared they would do more harm to young people than good to former smokers.

On June 24, 2022, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit entered a temporary administrative stay of the marketing denial order for Juul Labs Inc. The court notes the purpose of this administrative stay is to give the court sufficient opportunity to consider petitioner's forthcoming emergency motion for stay pending court review and should not be construed in any way as a ruling on the merits of that motion.

[Public Health can help you quit smoking](#), for more information call (937) 225-5700.



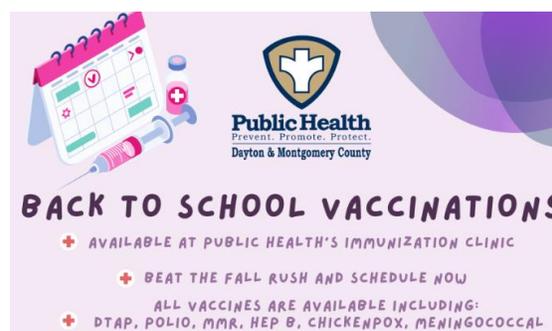
Public Health Clinic Provides Back-to-School Vaccinations

Getting your children and teens ready to go back to school is the perfect time to make sure they are up to date with their immunizations. Vaccination protects students from diseases and keeps them healthy.

The recommended immunizations for children birth through 6 years old can be found [here](#), and the recommended immunizations for preteens and teens 7-18 years old can be found [here](#).

If you do not have health insurance, or if it does not cover vaccines, the [Vaccines for Children](#) program may be able to help.

In addition, you may call Public Health's Clinic at (937) 225-4550 for questions regarding vaccination or to make an appointment.





Commissioner Wentzel Graduates from Environmental Justice Academy

Montgomery County Health Commissioner Jennifer Wentzel was one of the twenty-one graduates from the recently held [Environmental Justice Academy](#) sponsored by the U.S. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. Environmental Justice is the fair treatment of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulation, and policies.



<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice>

The program participants included emerging community, nonprofit, and environmental leaders and teaches participants:

- To leverage human, social, intellectual, technical, legal, and financial resources to make long-term progress in a community.
- To use consensus-building processes and skills to help ensure successful collaboration and negotiations.
- To increase capacity to address communities’ environmental and/or public health issues.
- A basic understanding of environmental justice and environmental regulations.



Monthly Mommy Meet-Up

Public Health’s Neighborhood Navigators invite you to join them for [Monthly Mommy Meetups](#), a recurring monthly event that seeks to bring expecting and new moms together for support, education, and to increase access to resources.

Neighborhood Navigators have been hosting these events online for the past year as part of their Mommy Mondays series and are excited to start hosting these events live and in person as Monthly Mommy Meetups.

While the name and format may be changing, the goal is the same – to provide expecting and new moms with quality programming that will support healthy habits, promote infant vitality, and connect moms to a friendly Neighborhood Navigator who can help connect them to additional resources and support.

The first Monthly Mommy Meetup, titled “The Fourth Trimester: The Upside Down of the Postpartum Period,” will take place in partnership with the

Moms & Babies First home visiting program. This event will address many of the emotional and physical changes that individuals may experience after giving birth and highlight the crucial support provided by home visitors with testimonies from former Moms & Babies first participants.

Join us for “The Fourth Trimester” on Thursday, July 28 from 3:00 – 4:30pm in the Community Room at Gem City Market. [Pre-registration is requested](#), and all eligible individuals* who attend and complete a post survey will be entered to win one of three door prizes.

**Must be a Montgomery County resident and be pregnant, have an infant under the age of 1, or a toddler to be eligible.*



Protect Your Crown: Your Mind and Your Mental Health

In recognition of Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, Public Health invites you to join Queens Village Dayton for our [Protect Your Crown event](#).

During this event, we will provide wellness resources to address mental health for Black women in our community. Participants will have the opportunity to hear a keynote address from Manicka Thomas and the ability to attend two of the following sessions of their choice:

1. Fitness Instruction by Evolv U Fit Academy.
2. Yoga by Jennifer Turpin Stanfield.
3. Finance Management Session by Ivy Glover.

[Register for the event](#) or call (937) 225-5700 for more information.



Link Dayton Bike Demo Day

Join Public Health and Link Dayton Bike Share on Wednesdays July 6th, 13th, and 20th for Bike Demo Day. The Bike Demo Day event is a way to promote physical activity while providing information on upcoming programs in relation to health and wellness, learning more about Link, and test riding a bike. Check us out on the following dates below

Demo Bike Day Schedule:

July 6, 2022

6 pm-8 pm @ Gem City Market Community Room, 324 Salem Ave, Dayton, OH 45406

July 13, 2022

6 pm-8 pm @ Link Hub at Downtown YMCA branch
316 N. Wilkinson Street, Dayton, OH 45402

July 20, 2022

6 pm-8 pm @ Gem City Market Community Room, 324 Salem Ave, Dayton, OH 45406

Take Advantage of Free Ride Wednesday and learn more about Bike Demo Day at <https://www.linkdayton.org/free-ride-wednesday>



Media Opportunities:

- 6/14/2022 - DDN NR - Heat Watch
- 6/14/2022 - DDN - Heat Index
- 6/14/2022 - DDN COVID-19 - At Home Tests
- 6/15/2022 - WYSO - Cooling Centers
- 6/21/2022 - ABC 22 - Heat Wave
- 6/23/2022 - WDTN, DDN, WHIO, WYSO, Spectrum News - OD Surge Alert
- 6/24/2022 - WDTN - HIV Testing Day
- 6/27/2022 - WDTN - HIV Testing Day
- 6/30/2022 - WDTN - COVID-19 4th of July

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the U.S.
One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime, and nearly 20 Americans die from melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, every day.

Since exposure to the sun's harmful UV rays is the most preventable risk factor for skin cancer, protect your skin by:

- Seeking shade
- Wearing sun-protective clothing
- Applying sunscreen to all skin not covered by clothing

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call Public Health at 1-937-225-6217 or the Ohio Department of Health at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

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