



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

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### **COVID-19 Update**

Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County continues its efforts to increase vaccination rates throughout the county. As of 6/28/21, Public Health has administered **85,186 doses** of the vaccine and has held **235 vaccination clinics**.

### **Fixed Clinic Locations**

Public Health held its final fixed clinic location at Sinclair Centerville on Monday, June 28. Moving forward Public Health will continue to provide mobile vaccination clinics.

### **Delta Variant**

The Delta variant is a more contagious and deadly strain of the COVID-19 virus that has been spreading throughout the world. The Delta variant has been detected in Ohio, however in proportionality of all variants tested it remains less than 1%.

### **Isolation and Quarantine**

Standard public health isolation and quarantine measures will always be in place for those individuals who test positive for COVID-19. Anyone, regardless of their vaccination status, who tests positive for COVID-19 will need to self-isolate from others. Close contacts of individuals who have tested positive, and are not vaccinated, will be advised to quarantine. An individual is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines or two weeks after the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

### **Unvaccinated Individuals**

Unvaccinated individuals are at a significantly higher risk of getting COVID-19 and suffering its devastating effects. As such, unvaccinated individuals should

continue to protect themselves using mitigation measures, such as masking and social distancing.

### Montgomery County Highlights

- The current COVID-19 case rate is 17.9 cases per 100,000 individuals from June 17 - 30.
- The average daily COVID-19 case count is 10 cases per day.

For information about upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination clinics [click here](#).



### The National Vaccine Month of Action “We Can Do This” Bus Tour

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Marcia Fudge visited Public Health’s COVID-19 vaccination clinic at SugarCreek on Friday, June 25 as part of the Biden-Harris administration’s [National Month of Action](#) campaign to get all eligible Americans vaccinated against COVID-19 as quickly as possible.



Secretary Fudge was joined by U.S. Representative Joyce Beatty as well as Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley. After the group toured the clinic and spoke with both clinic workers and residents getting vaccinated, Dayton gospel singer Shirley Murdock kicked things off with a song and then Whaley, Beatty and Fudge addressed the crowd.



All three speakers stressed the importance of getting vaccinated and challenged everyone not to let down in their efforts, as vaccination has resulted in a significant decrease in cases and remains the best option to protect individuals and the community against the dangers of COVID-19.



President Biden’s goal of having 70% of eligible Americans vaccinated by July 4 appears to be falling short with about 45% of the country fully vaccinated at this time. Secretary Fudge addressed the challenge of overcoming vaccine hesitancy in communities of color and the importance of getting Black residents vaccinated as only 30% of Black Ohioans have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine compared to 45% of White Ohioans.

Mayor Whaley explained that Public Health’s commitment to equity has resulted in Montgomery County leading the state in the rate of African Americans that have been vaccinated.

To draw attention to the event and the importance of being vaccinated, a large caravan of Dayton police and fire vehicles, as well as many community partners displaying “Knock Out COVID-19” signs on their vehicles arrived in procession at the clinic. After the SugarCreek stop, the tour bus and the caravan proceeded to the La Michoacana Mexican Market, located at 748 Troy

Street where another vaccination clinic with more special activities was in progress.

Many were vaccinated at both locations and all in attendance were inspired to reach more people with the important message of vaccination. Thanks to all for making the day a big success.



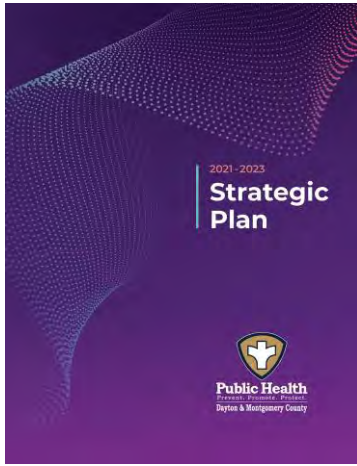
## **PHAB Congratulates Public Health on “Continued Commitment to Improvement” During Crisis Response**

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.

*“In the past year, Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County has faced the challenge of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The department has been able to use their quality improvement expertise to inform and improve their COVID-19 response, which is a testament to their progress toward building a culture of quality.”*

The Board report also noted Public Health’s many innovative, upstream approaches to address the community’s most pressing health needs such as food insecurity and social determinants of health with sound solutions such as collective impact. *“The work set forth to transform the department with several key strategies around alignment with major plans such as the Community Health Improvement Plan and Strategic Plan, health equity in all policies, and improvements to internal policies and procedures are exciting. Earning Equality Leader status through the Human Rights Campaign and its Healthcare Equality Index is impressive work that the health department should be very proud of! We hope the department shares the best practices, lessons learned and results with other health departments that are working towards similar goals.”*

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.



## Public Health Releases New Strategic Plan

Public Health is pleased to announce the completion of the 2021-2023 Strategic Plan. Over the last nine months, the planning team reviewed data and gathered input from employees, Board of Health members and customers, assessed the environment, considered agency strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, and identified emerging issues and cross-cutting themes.

The new plan advances foundational public health services:

- communicable disease control
- chronic disease and injury prevention
- environmental protections
- maternal, child and family health
- linkage to clinical care
- emergency preparedness



The plan also reaffirms Public Health's commitment to championing collective impact and strategically advocating for policy, systems and environmental changes to address the social determinants of health. To improve health outcomes, Public Health will work with committed partners to address the key drivers of health inequities such as poverty, racism, discrimination, trauma, violence and toxic stress.

Strategic Priorities:

- Advance health equity
- Strengthen and mobilize community partnerships
- Advocate for policy and legislative changes to build a stronger public health infrastructure

The plan can be accessed [here](#).



## Media Opportunities:

WDTN - COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy - 6/1/2021

WDTN - COVID-19 VaxAMillion - 6/1/2021

ABC 22 - COVID-19 Vaccinations - 6/4/2021

Fox 45 - COVID-19 Expired Vaccine - 6/8/2021

WDTN - COVID-19 Vaccinations - 6/14/2021

WHIO - COVID-19 Vaccinations - 6/14/2021

Fox 45 - COVID-19 Vaccination Law - 6/14/2021

WDTN - COVID-19 Hispanic Outreach - 6/16/2021

WDTN - COVID-19 Vaccinations - 6/16/2021

WDTN - COVID-19 VaxAMillion - 6/21/2021



WROU - COVID-19 HUD Visit - 6/25/2021  
DDN - COVID-19 HUD Visit - 6/25/2021  
WHIO - COVID-19 HUD Visit - 6/25/2021  
WDTN - COVID-19 HUD Visit - 6/25/2021  
WDTN - COVID-19 Case Count - 6/28/2021  
WDTN - HIV - 6/29/2021



**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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