



PHG Update: March 16, 2021

Dear Valued Providers

We want to be a resource to our Premier Health Group Independent providers. Throughout this pandemic, we will provide clinical and operational updates as they become available to support the provider community.

In addition, we have created a resources page on the [PHG website](#).

Please feel free to contact us directly at (937) 499-7441 if you have any questions

Yours sincerely,

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## Vaccine Clinics for Community Members

Premier Health continues to schedule eligible Ohioans to receive COVID-19 vaccinations.

These clinics will be held on the following dates:

**Monday, March 22:** UD Arena, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. - *vaccine clinic operated by Miami Valley Hospital*  
**Tuesday, March 23:** Countryside YMCA, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. - *vaccine clinic operated by Atrium Medical Center*

Individuals who meet the criteria may sign up in three convenient ways:

- Use their Premier Health MyChart account
- [Schedule online](#)
- Call our vaccine scheduling line at (937) 276-4141 (open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily)

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## Current State of Ohio vaccine eligibility criteria

Starting Friday, March 19, **all Ohioans age 40 and older** are eligible to be vaccinated. The governor also expanded eligibility for people younger than age 40 who meet certain occupation and/or medical criteria, as outlined below:

### New Eligibility by Occupation

- Child Care Services
- Funeral Services
- Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers
- Firefighters

### New Eligibility by Medical Condition

- Women who are pregnant
- People with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
- Bone marrow transplant recipients
- People with type 1 diabetes
- People with type 2 diabetes
- People with end-stage renal disease
- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD
- Heart disease
- Obesity

Effective March 29, all adults in Ohio will be eligible to be vaccinated.

To see a full list of eligibility criteria, visit the [Ohio Department of Health website](#).

To learn more and schedule an appointment, visit our [vaccine hub](#).

### **COVID-19 Clinical Update: March 12**

We are still in a national public health emergency for COVID-19. Additionally, most counties in Ohio are in a Level 3 Public Emergency, indicating very high exposure and spread. View the Ohio Public Health Advisory System [here](#). However, more counties have flipped to yellow or orange over the past couple of weeks.

- On March 8, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released [guidance](#) on precautions to take for those who are fully vaccinated.
  - People are ‘fully vaccinated’ two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series like Pfizer or Moderna, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, like Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine.
  - Please note that this guidance is not intended for health care settings. When in public places, including our workplace, all individuals - including those fully vaccinated - should continue to wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet apart from others, and monitor for symptoms.



- The CDC noted that in private social settings involving small gatherings, individuals who are fully vaccinated may interact with other fully vaccinated individuals without the need for facial coverings or social distancing. Fully vaccinated individuals may also interact with non-vaccinated individuals at low risk for complications from COVID. The CDC suggests that these small gatherings be limited to interactions between two households. Larger gatherings should still utilize social distancing and facial coverings.
- Screening all patients for COVID-19:
  - Currently, Premier Health continues all their screening protocols for surgical patients as well as universal testing in the hospital. They continue to evaluate this process to determine when they can begin to phase out this requirement based on disease activity and immunization rates.