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<u>Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County Collaborates with Community Members to Better Reach Hispanic Population</u>

Partnership removes language barriers during COVID-19 vaccination efforts

COLUMBUS – Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County (Public Health) has partnered with a collaborative team of local Hispanic community leaders and members to develop several local initiatives designed to increase access and decrease barriers for their Hispanic/Latino residents during the COVID-19 response.

To ensure accurate delivery of information, Public Health worked to have educational products, such as community forums and short video series, translated into Spanish to provide non-English speaking residents with important information to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Public Health has also partnered with local churches who reported a large population of Hispanic community members in their congregations, Christ Lutheran Church and Iglesia Hispana Emanuel. These initiatives help provide better access to COVID-19 vaccinations and public health information for an often otherwise underserved community.

Innovative Ideas is a feature from the Ohio Department of Health highlighting ways providers and organizations are encouraging COVID-19 vaccinations. You can find more featured examples on the Ohio Department of Health's Innovative Ideas page at https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/healthcare-providers-and-local-health-districts/innovative-ideas.

If you are interested in hosting a vaccination clinic, the Ohio Department of Health has a toolkit for businesses and organizations available at https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-program/businesses-and-organizations. This toolkit contains a collection of resources vaccine providers and Ohio employers and organizations can consider using to build partnerships across the state to offer convenient vaccinations to their employees and members.

All Ohioans age 12 and older are currently eligible to be vaccinated. Ohioans can find additional vaccination opportunities and schedule appointments by visiting gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov or by calling 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). Walk-in appointments are available at many providers statewide. Anyone with questions regarding COVID-19 vaccination within the state of Ohio can learn more at coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine.

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