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Columbiana County Health District Forms Partnerships Across County to Bring COVID-19 Vaccinations to Residents

Partnerships include churches, McDonald's, schools, and more

COLUMBUS – The Columbiana County Health District (CCHD) has partnered with many local groups to help increase access to COVID-19 vaccinations across their area.

CCHD has partnered with the Columbiana County Fair so that they will be able to provide COVID-19 vaccinations on-site at the Columbiana County Fair, Aug. 2-8.

In June, CCHD partnered with several local groups and organizations to host clinics within Lisbon and Wellsville, areas identified using the Community Need Index and Social Vulnerability Index. The New Presbyterian Church hosted a drive-thru and walk-up clinic in their parking lot. The Wellsville First Baptist Church hosted a walk-in vaccination clinic in their sanctuary in coordination with their food pantry. The Wellsville McDonald's also hosted a drive-thru and walk-up style clinic in their parking lot, providing a free meal to anyone who received a vaccine. Both Lisbon Mayor Pete Wilson and the late Nancy Murray, longtime mayor of Wellsville, and their offices, were involved with helping to promote these clinics, as well as the pastors of the churches.

Also, in May, CCHD and East Liverpool City Hospital coordinated with superintendents and Ohio Educational Service Centers to provide on-site vaccinations at schools for any interested students ages 16 and 17. All of these initiatives are on top of ongoing COVID-19 vaccination efforts with the Columbiana COVID-19 Task Force members, including local pharmacies, Community Action Agency of Columbiana County, and the Salem Regional Medical Center.

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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