

COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet

Phase 1B Medical Conditions

Ohioans born with or who have early childhood conditions that are carried into adulthood, which put them at a higher risk for adverse outcomes due to COVID-19, are eligible for vaccination under Ohio's Vaccination Program Phase 1B.

Vaccinations for this group of Ohioans will take place in two phases. During the first phase, which began Jan. 25, eligibility was for individuals who have a developmental or intellectual disability AND one of the conditions listed below. During the second phase, beginning Feb. 15, eligibility will expand to any individuals with one of the conditions below:

- Sickle cell anemia.
- Down syndrome.
- Cystic fibrosis.
- Muscular dystrophy.
- Cerebral palsy.
- Spina bifida.
- People born with severe heart defects, requiring regular specialized medical care.
- People with severe type 1 diabetes, who have been hospitalized for this in the past year.
- Phenylketonuria (PKU), Tay-Sachs, and other rare, inherited metabolic disorders.
- Epilepsy with continuing seizures; hydrocephaly; microcephaly, and other severe neurological disorders.
- Turner syndrome, fragile X syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, and other severe genetic disorders.
- People with severe asthma, who have been hospitalized for this in the past year.
- Alpha and beta thalassemia.
- Solid organ transplant candidates and recipients.

Eligibility timeline

Vaccinations for this group will take place in two tiers. The first tier includes individuals at the highest risk who have both an intellectual or developmental disability AND a qualifying specified medical condition listed above. The second tier includes anyone with one of the specified qualifying medical conditions listed above.

Beginning Jan. 25, 2021: Individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability AND a qualifying medical condition.

Ohioans with a developmental or intellectual disability AND one of the conditions listed above are eligible for vaccination.

How individuals who qualify can get the vaccine:

- Local boards of developmental disabilities will reach out to those they know qualify under this eligibility category to coordinate vaccinations. These boards will work with children's hospitals and some local health departments on scheduling.
- Individuals who believe they qualify but have not been contacted should reach out to their county developmental disabilities board to confirm eligibility and schedule an appointment.
- Only those individuals in this population that work with their local developmental disabilities board will be eligible for vaccination at this time.
- The vaccinations for Ohioans in this category will only be given at Local Health Departments or participating Children's Hospitals in conjunction with the local boards of developmental disabilities.
- Ohioans in this category should not go to their local pharmacies for scheduling or vaccination.

Beginning Feb. 15, 2021: Ohioans born with or who have one of the above-mentioned early childhood conditions that are carried into adulthood, which put them at a higher risk for adverse outcomes due to COVID-19.

How individuals who qualify can get the vaccine

- Eligible Ohioans with one of the specific qualifying medical conditions can receive the vaccine from a **provider of their choice**.
- Those who have an intellectual or developmental disability AND a qualifying specified medical condition who have not yet received the vaccine should continue to contact their local boards of developmental disabilities to schedule appointments. These boards will continue to coordinate vaccinations for these individuals in partnership with local health departments or children's hospitals.
- **Process for confirming eligibility:**
 - The State of Ohio is not requiring any additional documentation or proof of eligibility; however, vaccine providers may develop their own screening and monitoring procedures to evaluate eligibility.
 - Patients will be asked to confirm that they have one of the qualifying conditions, but do not need to name the specific condition.

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Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616.

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