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Toledo-Lucas County Health Department Receives COVID-19 Vaccine

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department has received its initial shipment of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. These vaccines will be distributed locally in line with Ohio's Phased plan, offering the first vaccines to health care workers, EMS responders, and people who are at the greatest risk for severe illness. Vaccine recipients will include health care workers, EMS personnel, and people with developmental disabilities who live in group settings.

The two vaccines that have been approved and recommended to prevent COVID-19 require two injections, with several weeks between them, before they begin to offer the best protection. The vaccine received today will be the first dose for those in the identified critical groups. A second dose will be delivered and administered in the future.

TLCHD expects to continue receiving regular vaccine shipments, but doesn't yet know how long it will take to administer vaccines to everyone who wishes to receive them as part of Phase 1A. As TLCHD receives additional vaccine, those who fall within Phase 1 priority groups, will be offered the opportunity to get the COVID-19 vaccine. This process will continue to involve working with first responders and representatives of health-care organizations and long-term care facilities.

If you believe you or your organization is a part of Phase 1A, one person from your organization should complete the [online form](#) allowing TLCHD to gather initial information. Availability of vaccines will depend on future shipments from the state of Ohio.

COVID-19 vaccines are not yet available for the general public. As information about the next phases of vaccine distribution becomes available, TLCHD will ensure this is made public.

Accurate and updated information about vaccines is critically important and can be found on the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department's [COVID-19 Vaccine](#) page.

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