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Ohio Department of Health Announces 60% of Ohioans Ages 12 and Up Have Started the Vaccinated Process
Milestone Helps Reduce Opportunities for COVID-19 to Spread

COLUMBUS – More than 6 million Ohioans ages 12 and up have started the COVID-19 vaccination process, marking 60% of the population currently eligible for COVID-19 vaccines.

"As of today, more than 60% of Ohioans ages 12 and up have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. By highlighting vaccination rates among those 12 and older, we are reinforcing the importance of keeping kids in school," explained Ohio Department of Health Director Bruce Vanderhoff, MD, MBA. "This is an important milestone because as more Ohioans gain robust immunity through vaccination, we reduce the opportunities for this virus to spread, mutate, and inflict serious harm—and we get closer to the day when this virus can no longer upend our lives. COVID-19 vaccines are our best protection, and our way out of this pandemic. If you haven't yet been vaccinated, talk to your doctor to get the facts."

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available throughout the state. Many providers offer walk-in appointments, or Ohioans can schedule a vaccination appointment at gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov. Ohioans who want to learn more about the safety, efficacy, and side effects of COVID-19 vaccines should talk to their doctor, nurse, or pharmacist, or visit coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine to learn more.

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The Ohio Department of Health's mission is advancing the health and well-being of all Ohioans by transforming the state's public health system through unique partnerships and funding streams; addressing the community conditions and inequities that lead to disparities in health outcomes; and implementing data-driven, evidence-based solutions.

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