

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER



Dear Community Members:

Have you received your COVID-19 vaccine yet? If you haven't, why not? Do you have questions about the different brands? Or maybe you don't fall into a high-risk category and aren't concerned about becoming ill from the virus? Demand for vaccine remains high in Medina County, but we know there are still questions lingering for some citizens. The truth is, everyone can benefit from vaccination, even if you've already been infected and recovered from the virus.

The Health Department recently launched a brand new podcast where we'll dive into different topics from various public health matters, discuss services offered by the Health Department, and explore community initiatives that support the overall wellbeing of our county. Our next episode will be dedicated to answering community questions about the vaccine, led by one of the Health Department's communicable disease nurses. Citizens can submit their questions or concerns around the vaccine ahead of time through the link here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSqeCPMwa6BOh9r_4k9sly_V5xi7Qz2YCB2C8U9LEOx4UPyA/viewform?fbclid=IwAR2MKsV_kFrUQ1NW_XM8RO9fG85zfl7JPlcbL3VYmBuJb0pWprU6ZssE9pw

Available COVID-19 clinics this week

I'm very proud to update readers that over 42% of Medina County citizens have received at least their first dose of the vaccine. And as I report in my updates every Tuesday, we continue to conduct ongoing clinics, giving over 2,000 inoculations each week. This week's available appointments are posted in ArmorVax and will be held on the following dates and times. Locations can be viewed when you make your appointment:

Wednesday, 4/21, 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM in Medina

Thursday, 4/22, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM in Medina

Friday, 4/23, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM in Brunswick

If you're not signed up yet or have question on how to navigate ArmorVax, detailed instructions can be found on our website: www.medinahhealth.org/vaccine. We've updated our how-to guides based on your feedback and questions to help make scheduling an appointment as convenient and easy as possible. As always, if you do not have access to technology you can call the Health Department for assistance with scheduling.

Celebrating Earth Day in Medina County

Earth Day is this Thursday, April 22. Earth Day reminds us of our collective responsibility as a community to preserve and protect the environment around us. In Medina County, the Health Department does this through things like monitoring air quality and pollution, conducting water quality checks, mosquito and tick control, and doing mold inspections.

Medina County is lucky to have great community partners dedicated to preserving our natural environment. This year, Medina County Park District has a full calendar of events to celebrate our Earth all month long. I know we have snow in the forecast this week, but once the weather breaks, I challenge you to get outside, explore a new park, or participate in a service project. I know personally, the benefits of enjoying time outside extends past the physical benefits of being active. I think we're all ready for more vitamin D, fresh air, and the stress-relief the great outdoors can bring:

https://www.medinacountyparks.com/images/ED_calendar_4-15.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2I03TtE_CyhrwTLRkva8N7qdQvSxoiZN87JhJroxTWQg0of39NZsLqG5M

Where can I find the latest information?

As information is made available, we will continue to update our website with resources about the vaccine:

<http://www.medinahhealth.org/vaccine>. You are also encouraged to visit the Ohio Department of Health's website for resources related to the COVID-19 vaccine: coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine.