

Dear MVCDC Families,

We have 4 COVID-19 cases to report:

- 1 case involved a classroom staff member at **East Dayton Early Learning Center** in Montgomery County, resulting in 3 other staff persons and 22 children needing to quarantine. Two classrooms were closed.
- 1 additional at **East Dayton Early Learning Center** involved a child, resulting in 4 staff persons and 11 children needing to quarantine. One classroom was closed because of the positive case; a second was closed due to insufficient staff.
- 1 case involved a classroom staff member at the **Early Childhood Education Center** in Clark County. No children or other staff persons needed to quarantine.
- 1 case involved a classroom staff member at **Fulton** in Clark County, resulting in one other staff member and 8 children needing to quarantine. One classroom was closed.

COVID-19 vaccines are coming and starting to be available!

Ohioans UNDER age 65 with certain health conditions will be able to get a vaccine starting January 25. The qualifying conditions are:

- Type 1 diabetes
- Severe neurologic disorders including epilepsy
- Severe lung disease including severe asthma and cystic fibrosis
- Congenital heart disease
- Sickle cell anemia
- Cerebral palsy
- Spina bifida
- Inherited metabolic disorders
- Severe genetic disorders including Down Syndrome, Fragile X, Prader Willi Syndrome, Turner Syndrome
- Alpha- and beta-thalassemia

Children with these medical conditions cannot yet get the coronavirus vaccine.

Here is the rollout schedule for eligible age groups:

Week of January 18: Age 80 and older

Week of January 25: Age 75 and older (and those with qualifying medical conditions)

Week of February 1: Age 70 and older (and K-12 school staff, but not child care personnel)

Week of February 8: Age 65 and older

Governor DeWine has announced that hopefully starting today eligible persons will be able to go to coronavirus.ohio.gov and search by county and ZIP code to find where they can get a vaccination.

As I shared last week, much misleading information is circulating about the vaccines. Here are 2 reputable resources where you can learn more:

Mayo Clinic
Centers for Disease Control

If you haven't already heard, we have a new app available for families and staff. Go to the app store on your phone and **search for Miami Valley CDC** and download it on your devices. We've got resources and improved communication waiting just for you.

Don't forget MVCDC will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 18. Have a wonderful holiday and stay safe!

Gratefully,

