

Dear MVCDC Families,

We have just ONE new COVID-19 case to report this week:

- This case involved a non-classroom staff member at the **Administrative Office Building** in Montgomery County. No one needed to quarantine.

Great progress is being made each week to get the COVID-19 vaccine out to Ohioans! This week, Ohioans 50 and older are among those eligible to receive the vaccine, **AND** the Ohio Department of Health launched a central coronavirus scheduling tool to make the sign-up process easier. Visit <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/> to determine eligibility, schedule appointments, and receive updates and reminders.

We are excited to share that **President Biden has directed all states to prioritize educators, including Head Start and Early Head Start staff in ALL agency roles, in their vaccination efforts!** A new federal partnership with pharmacies was also created for more vaccine accessibility. To find a participating pharmacy, visit the [CDCs participating pharmacy page](#) or [VaccineFinder.org](https://www.vaccinefinder.org/).

People who have been vaccinated can start doing things they had stopped doing because of the pandemic. Go to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [website](#) to read more about what you can safely do when you've been fully vaccinated. There are also links to resources if you still have questions or concerns about the vaccine.

The **University of Dayton Development and Learning Lab is doing two virtual paid research studies to help determine the best way to create fun learning experiences for children at home.** The first one is *Learning Apps and Zoom* and the second one is *Math Games*. **The studies are open to children 3-5 years of age who have access to a tablet, smartphone or computer, and access to the internet.** Participants will receive a \$20 e-gift card for Kroger or Amazon. Included at the end of this letter is a flyer with more information as well as links to register virtually.

Just a reminder that the **Homefull Mobile Grocery store will be at the Marilyn E. Thomas Children's Center (MET) TODAY and again on March 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** The store will be open for Head Start families and Trotwood community members. Homefull accepts most forms of payment, including SNAP/EBT.

Have a great weekend!

Gratefully,





Are you and your preschool-aged child (ages 3 – 5) interested in a paid virtual research study with the University of Dayton Development and Learning Lab?

What kind of studies?

We are doing two studies to help us figure out the best way to create fun learning experiences for children at home. We are looking for parents/guardians who have a child who is 3-5 years of age AND who have access to a tablet, smartphone, or computer and access to the internet.

If I say yes, what will we do?

Study 1. Learning Apps and Zoom Study: You and your child will get a link to eBooks or learning apps to engage with 4 times a week for 2 weeks. You and your child will also be asked to log in to a 15 – 20 minute Zoom session before you start reading and after you have finished the two weeks. We will send you the link to log in through your computer, tablet, or smartphone. The Zoom sessions can be done at a time that is best for you. In those sessions, we will show your child pictures and ask them questions about shapes, colors, and numbers. If you would like to participate, each child would need a parent or guardian to be available to help complete these Zoom sessions at home.

Study 2. Math Games Study: You and your child will be asked to log in to two Zoom sessions, each about 20 minutes long. We will send you the link to log in through your computer, tablet, or smartphone. The Zoom sessions can be done at a time that is best for you. In those sessions, we will play math and learning games with your child. If you would like to participate, each child would need a parent or guardian to be available to help complete these Zoom sessions at home.

How will we be thanked for our participation?

For your time and feedback, you will receive a \$20 dollar e-gift card (Kroger or Amazon).

Can we do both studies?

Yes! We just ask that you only sign up for one study at a time.

If you want to participate, please read the form and click yes here:

Learning Apps and Zoom: <https://forms.gle/m97wmwseGbHxEWHR8>

Math Games: <https://forms.gle/8yxmBJCAPAmsQfR79>

Or, visit our website to learn more: <https://fuhs1ab6.wixsite.com/learninganddevlab>

If you have any questions, please email: Mary Fuhs, Director of the Development and Learning Lab (mfuhs1@udayton.edu) or call: 937-229-2775