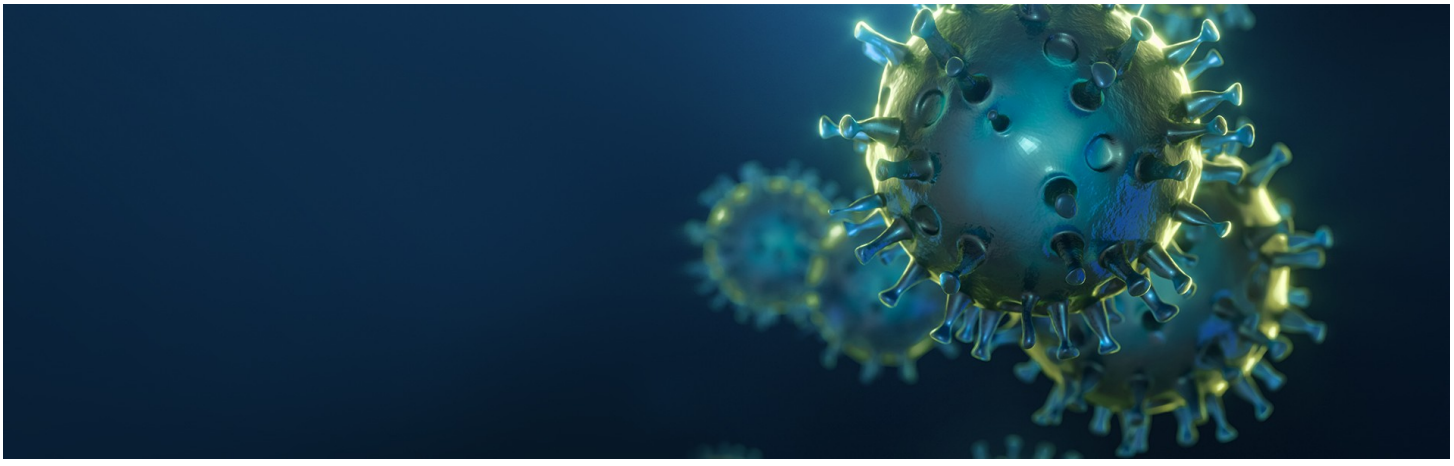
COVID-19 UPDATE: U.S. Capitol Breach, County Data, Phase 1B Vaccinations

January 07, 2021



(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, and Lt. Governor Jon Husted today provided the following updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

U.S. CAPITOL BREACH

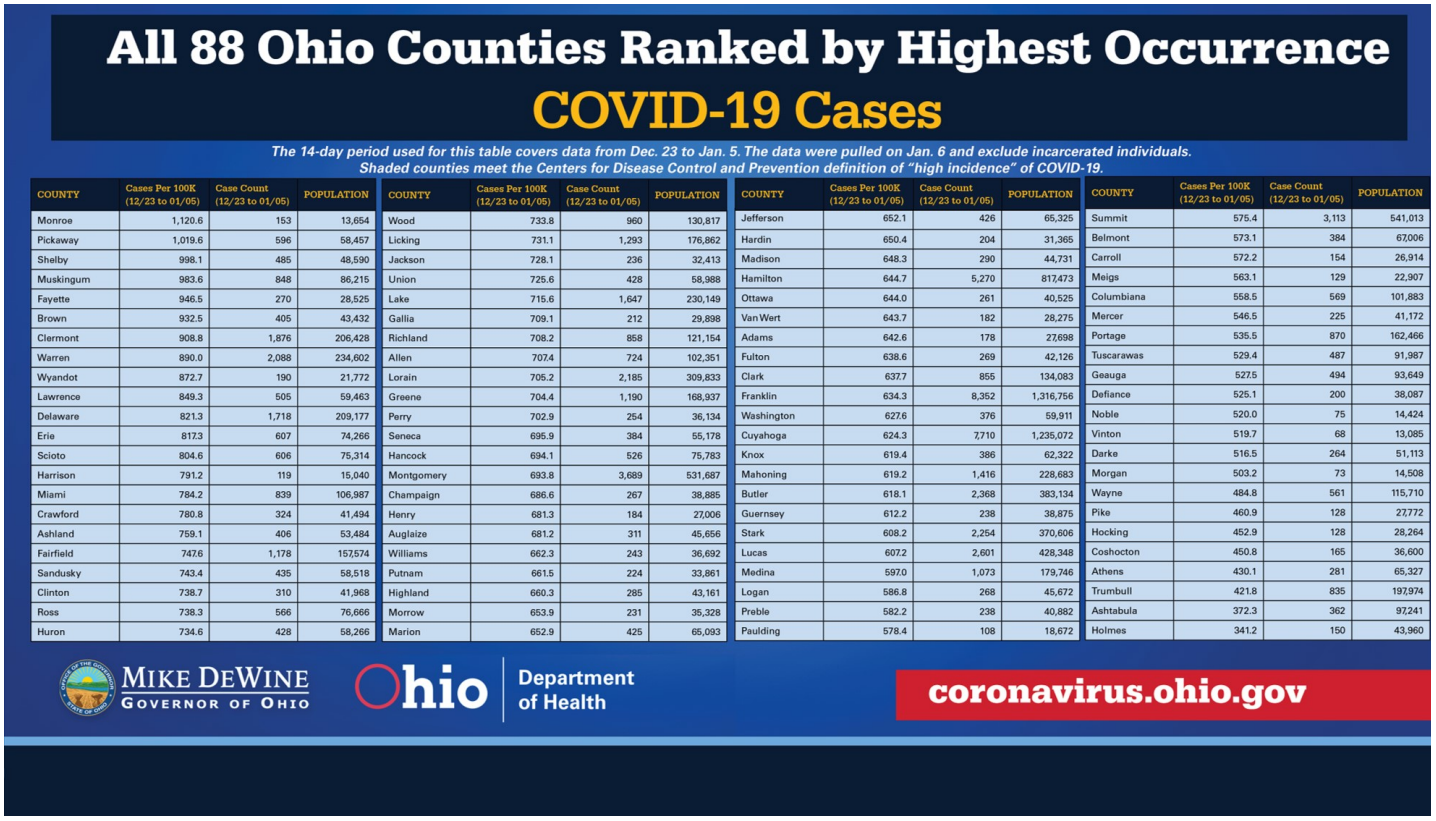
Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted shared additional comments regarding yesterday's events at the United States Capitol.

"Yesterday was a sad day. It was a dark day for this great republic. This was a direct attack on the U.S. Constitution, and everything we hold dear," said Governor DeWine. "Yesterday's actions were shameful, and all Americans need to denounce these acts. It is time we all accept the election results, and the will of the People. We need to come together as a People, and we need to work together."

OHIO COUNTY COVID DATA

A county-by-county breakdown outlining the presence of COVID-19 in all of Ohio's 88 counties can be found on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System's website.

All 88 counties have a level of spread that is at least three times more than what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers high incidence. Governor DeWine encouraged Ohioans to look more closely at the chart below, which shows the number of positive cases per 1,000 residents.



All 88 Ohio Counties Ranked by Highest Occurrence

COVID-19 Cases

The 14-day period used for this table covers data from Dec. 23 to Jan. 5. The data were pulled on Jan. 6 and exclude incarcerated individuals.
Shaded counties meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention definition of "high incidence" of COVID-19.

COUNTY	Cases Per 100K (12/23 to 01/05)	Case Count (12/23 to 01/05)	POPULATION
Monroe	1,120.6	153	13,654
Pickaway	1,019.6	596	58,457
Shelby	998.1	485	48,590
Muskingum	983.6	848	86,215
Fayette	946.5	270	28,525
Brown	932.5	405	43,432
Clermont	908.8	1,876	206,428
Warren	890.0	2,088	234,602
Wyandot	872.7	190	21,772
Lawrence	849.3	505	59,463
Delaware	821.3	1,718	209,177
Erie	817.3	607	74,266
Scioto	804.6	606	75,314
Harrison	791.2	119	15,040
Miami	784.2	839	106,987
Crawford	780.8	324	41,494
Ashland	759.1	406	53,484
Fairfield	747.6	1,178	157,574
Sandusky	743.4	435	58,518
Clinton	738.7	310	41,968
Ross	738.3	566	76,666
Huron	734.6	428	58,266
Wood	733.8	960	130,817
Licking	731.1	1,293	176,862
Jackson	728.1	236	32,413
Union	725.6	428	58,988
Lake	715.6	1,647	230,149
Gallia	709.1	212	29,898
Richland	708.2	858	121,154
Allen	707.4	724	102,351
Lorain	705.2	2,185	309,833
Greene	704.4	1,190	168,937
Perry	702.9	254	36,134
Seneca	695.9	384	55,178
Hancock	694.1	526	75,783
Montgomery	693.8	3,689	531,687
Champaign	686.6	267	38,885
Henry	681.3	184	27,006
Auglaize	681.2	311	45,656
Williams	662.3	243	36,692
Putnam	661.5	224	33,861
Highland	660.3	285	43,161
Morrow	653.9	231	35,328
Marion	652.9	425	65,093
Jefferson	652.1	426	65,325
Hardin	650.4	204	31,365
Madison	648.3	290	44,731
Hamilton	644.7	5,270	817,473
Ottawa	644.0	261	40,525
Van Wert	643.7	182	28,275
Adams	642.6	178	27,698
Fulton	638.6	269	42,126
Clark	637.7	855	134,083
Franklin	634.3	8,352	1,316,756
Washington	627.6	376	59,911
Cuyahoga	624.3	7,710	1,235,072
Knox	619.4	386	62,322
Mahoning	619.2	1,416	228,683
Butler	618.1	2,368	383,134
Guernsey	612.2	238	38,875
Stark	608.2	2,254	370,606
Lucas	607.2	2,601	428,348
Medina	597.0	1,073	179,746
Logan	586.8	268	45,672
Preble	582.2	238	40,882
Paulding	578.4	108	18,672
Summit	575.4	3,113	541,013
Belmont	573.1	384	67,006
Carroll	572.2	154	26,914
Meigs	563.1	129	22,907
Columbiana	558.5	569	101,883
Mercer	546.5	225	41,172
Portage	535.5	870	162,466
Tuscarawas	529.4	487	91,987
Geauga	527.5	494	93,649
Defiance	525.1	200	38,087
Noble	520.0	75	14,424
Vinton	519.7	68	13,085
Darke	516.5	264	51,113
Morgan	503.2	73	14,508
Wayne	484.8	561	115,710
Pike	460.9	128	27,772
Hocking	452.9	128	28,264
Coshocton	450.8	165	36,600
Athens	430.1	281	65,327
Trumbull	421.8	835	197,974
Ashtabula	372.3	362	97,241
Holmes	341.2	150	43,960

MIKE DEWINE
GOVERNOR OF OHIO

Ohio Department of Health

coronavirus.ohio.gov

PHASE 1B VACCINATIONS

Governor DeWine announced those in Phase 1B will be able to receive vaccinations beginning on Tuesday, January 19. Those 80 years of age and older will be prioritized first in this next phase, roughly totaling 420,000 Ohioans. Ohio is expected to receive 100,000 doses during the first week of distribution to Phase 1B.

“With up to 420,000 people 80 years and above, and only 100,000 doses available the first week, it will take several weeks to vaccinate those 80 years of age and older," said Governor DeWine. "Phase 1B will take a few weeks, and a lot of coordination in distribution.”

Vaccines for Ohioans 80 years of age and older will be administered by physicians, local health departments, hospitals, federally qualified health centers, in-home health service providers, and some retail pharmacies. As of today, the Ohio Department of Health has approximately 1,700 providers registered to distribute vaccines.

Additionally, the Ohio Department of Health will be hosting a webinar for registered providers to discuss expectations, and instructions for distribution. Additional details will be shared with registered providers in the coming days.

Governor DeWine anticipates vaccinations will be available to Ohioans 75 years of age and older beginning Monday, January 25. The following week, vaccinations will be available to those 70 years of age and older. Beginning the week of Monday, February 8 vaccinations will be available to those 65 years of age and older.

“As we include other age ranges, please know that does not mean vaccinations will be complete for the previous age range,” said Governor DeWine.

The week of January 25 will also include vaccinations for Ohioans with severe congenital, developmental, or early onset medical disorders. Additional details about distribution for this group will be forthcoming.

During the week of February 1, Governor DeWine announced that vaccinations will be available for personnel in Ohio schools. The Ohio Department of Heath will send forms to Ohio superintendents to indicate their school plans to go back to in full in-person and hybrid learning by March 1, as well as indicate the number of staff they believe will choose to take the vaccination. Superintendents will also be asked if a community partner has been identified to help with the administering of the COVID-19 vaccines to school personnel.

Additional information about vaccinations can be found at coronavirus.ohio.gov.

BROADBANDOHIO CONNECTIVITY GRANT

Lt. Governor Husted today announced that the deadline for the BroadbandOhio Connectivity Grant, which provided $50 million to schools to help them purchase equipment for students to access the internet, has been extended. This program helps schools to fund everything from hotspots, to Wi-Fi, to access points on school busses. The grant was funded using Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) from the CARES Act.

The deadline to spend these funds was originally December 30, 2020, however, a second federal stimulus bill was signed at the of December, which extended the CRF expenditure deadline an additional year, until December 31, 2021. As a result, this administration extended the deadline for the BroadbandOhio Connectivity Grant to the same date, December 31, 2021.

School districts now have more time to spend these funds for services they provide to students to keep them online.

More information about the grant program can be found at ohio-k12.help.

AMENDED HEALTH ORDER

Governor DeWine announced that Ohio Department of Health Director Stephanie McCloud signed the Sixth Amended Director's Order to Limit Access to Ohio's Nursing Homes and Similar Facilities, with Exceptions.

This revised order clarifies that in-person compassionate care visits are permitted in nursing homes and similar facilities. The new order does not change required precautions all visitors must take, including but not limited to, wearing of a facial covering and social distancing.

CURRENT CASE DATA

In total, there are 753,068 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 reported in Ohio and 9,462 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 40,469 people have been hospitalized throughout the pandemic, including 6,092 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Video of today's full update, including versions with foreign language translation, can be viewed on the Ohio Channel's YouTube page.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.