

Mon. May 24	919534 Confirmed Cases	1,097,866 Total Cases (CDC)	566 New Cases	58678 Number of Hospitalizations	8062 ICU Admissions	89.8 Cases per 100,000	
Sun. May 23	919136 Confirmed Cases	1,097,300 Total Cases (CDC)	683 New Cases	58590 Number of Hospitalizations	8054 ICU Admissions		
Sat. May 22	918562 Confirmed Cases	1,096,617 Total Cases (CDC)	871 New Cases	58561 Number of Hospitalizations	8051 ICU Admissions		
Fri. May 21	917922 Confirmed Cases	1,095,746 Total Cases (CDC)	1004 New Cases	58501 Number of Hospitalizations	8041 ICU Admissions	19709 Confirmed Deaths of Ohioans	19705 Total Deaths in Ohio
Thurs. May 20	917190 Confirmed Cases	1,094,742 Total Cases (CDC)	1208 New Cases	58396 Number of Hospitalizations	8026 ICU Admissions	97.1 Cases per 100,000	
Weds. May 19	916408 Confirmed Cases	1,093,534 Total Cases (CDC)	918 New Cases	58271 Number of Hospitalizations	8007 ICU Admissions		
Tues. May 18	915666 Confirmed Cases	1,092,616 Total Cases (CDC)	993 New Cases	58167 Number of Hospitalizations	8001 ICU Admissions	19628 Confirmed Deaths of Ohioans	19623 Total Deaths in Ohio

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There were 767 confirmed COVID-19 patients hospitalized, down from 875 patients a week ago. The 7-day test positivity rate for confirmed tests was 3.3%. 5,179,064 people have received the first dose of the vaccine; 4,539,891 have received both doses. Today's new case number is the lowest figure since June 21, 2020.

Registration for the first Vax-a-Million drawing, which will be Wednesday, May 26 at 7:29 pm ET, closed last night. After a data scrub to verify registrations and remove duplicates, 2,758,470 Ohioans have registered for the \$1 million drawing.

104,386 students aged 12-17 have registered for the scholarship drawing. The campaign has generated 74 million page views of the Vax-a-Million website and generated free earned media for first 7 days of approximately \$15 million.

There has been a statewide 16% increase in vaccinations when comparing the 6 day periods previous and after the announcement of the giveaway. In some counties, there has been an increase of more than 100%. The state is also seeing an increase across age groups, but particularly among 16 and 17-year old Ohioans, with a 94% increase. Among 18 and 19 year olds, there has been a 46% increase and in the 20-49 age group, a 55% increase in vaccinations. There is still time to register for the remaining four drawings – once you are registered, you are registered for all remaining drawings.

The state has been working with the state's managed care providers to work with the state's Medicaid population to get vaccinations administered. Overall, only about 22% of Medicaid beneficiaries have received the vaccine, compared to 45% of the population overall. The managed care plans are providing incentives such as gift cards, making transportation available, creating vaccine opportunities outside of normal business hours and tailoring strategies to meet people where they are. The Governor hopes these efforts will increase vaccination rates in this population.

In response to questions that health departments are receiving, the Governor provided a clarification of what happens after the health orders are lifted in regards to isolation and quarantine. The Governor stated that after the health orders are lifted that standard infection control practices will continue – which includes isolation and quarantine for individual cases. Standard protocols means, for instance, requiring individuals who test positive for COVID (or any other infectious disease) to isolate to prevent spread and unvaccinated individuals, particularly children, who are in close contact with a positive individual following standard quarantine protocols. The lifting of the health order is about the special masking, social distancing, capacity, etc. requirements. In response to questions from the media, the Governor said Senate Bill 22, recent legislation that limits state and local health directors ability to issue health orders, should not impact standard practices where there is evidence of direct exposure.

Lt. Governor Husted announced a new round of the TechCred will open on June 1 and will run through June 30 at 3:00 pm. TechCred provides funding and support to businesses to upskill their employees by providing credentials. The Lt. Governor noted that more than 1100 Ohio businesses have used TechCred to create an opportunity for 19,841 technology-focused credentials to be earned by Ohio employees. <https://techcred.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/techcred>

### CalfeeNOW

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### Other items of note

- Amid a brutal second wave, India recorded 4,454 deaths on Monday, making it the third country, after the United States and Brazil, to surpass more than 300,000 coronavirus deaths.
- For the first time in 11 months, the daily average of new coronavirus infections in the United States has fallen below 30,000 amid signs that most communities are emerging from the worst of the pandemic. The seven-day average dipped to 27,815 on Friday, the lowest since June 22 and less than a tenth of the infection rate during the winter surge, according to state health department data compiled by The Washington Post. The pandemic map remains speckled with hot spots, including parts of the Deep South, the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Northwest. But the vast bulk of the American landscape has turned pale green, the color-code for “low or moderate” viral burden, in a Covid-19 Community Profile Report released this week by the Biden administration.
- The World Health Organization on Monday called on member states to support a “massive push” to vaccinate at least 10 percent of the population of every country against the coronavirus by September. The agency’s director general, Tedros Adhanom

Ghebreyesus, announced the plan at the annual World Health Assembly in Geneva. He said the campaign target would be the vaccination of 250 million people in low- and middle-income countries in just four months, including all health-care workers. The drive would then extend to December, Tedros said, with a goal of immunizing 30 percent of each country's population against covid-19.

#### Ohio COVID-19 Data Curves

The following are graphic representations of reported cases and immunizations using Ohio Department of Health data.



