

OH Gov. DeWine COVID-19 update_8.6.2021

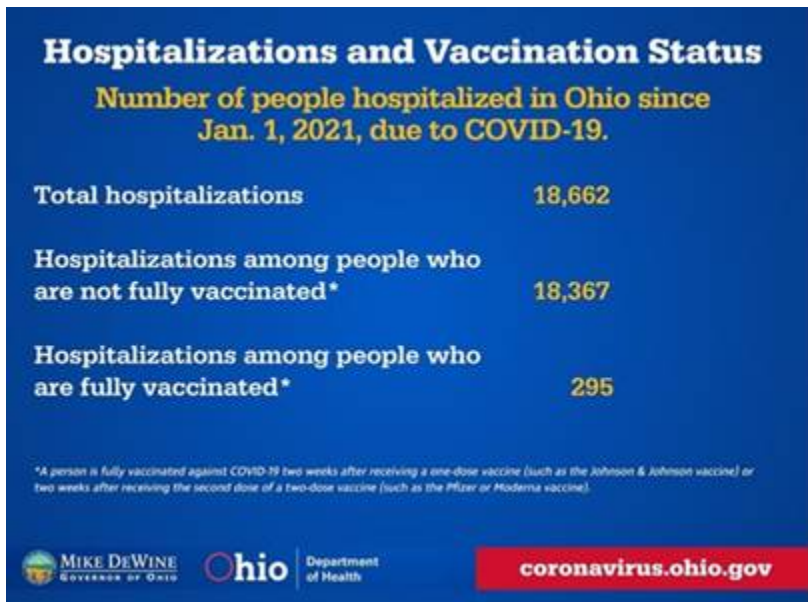
Fri. Aug. 6	1,138,600 Total Cases (CDC)	1666 New Cases	62425 Number of Hospitalizations	8521 ICU Admissions	20556 Total Deaths in Ohio
Thurs. Aug. 5	1,136,934 Total Cases (CDC)	1969 New Cases	62318 Number of Hospitalizations	8516 ICU Admissions	125.1 Cases per 100,000
Weds. Aug. 4	1,134,965 Total Cases (CDC)	2167 New Cases	62242 Number of Hospitalizations	8503 ICU Admissions	
Tues. Aug. 3	1,132,798 Total Cases (CDC)	1769 New Cases	62129 Number of Hospitalizations	8488 ICU Admissions	20530 Total Deaths in Ohio
Mon. Aug. 2	1,131,029 Total Cases (CDC)	895 New Cases	62005 Number of Hospitalizations	8475 ICU Admissions	
Sun. Aug. 1	1,130,134 Total Cases (CDC)	857 New Cases	61939 Number of Hospitalizations	8469 ICU Admissions	
Sat. July 31	1,129,277 Total Cases (CDC)	1469 New Cases	61922 Number of Hospitalizations	8466 ICU Admissions	
Fri. July 30	1,127,808 Total Cases (CDC)	1183 New Cases	61897 Number of Hospitalizations	8465 ICU Admissions	20492 Total Deaths in Ohio

Updated daily at 2 p.m. - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>

Governor DeWine and Dr. Vanderhoff conducted the first press conference regarding COVID-19 since May 24 this morning in light of the increasing numbers in Ohio and the spread of the delta variant.

The governor stated that he wanted to conduct today's press conference to make sure the public is getting updated, factual information so people can make decisions to protect their health. In particular, Governor DeWine and Dr. Vanderhoff stressed the importance of vaccines and the dangers to people who have not

received a vaccine yet. To highlight the difference, the Governor shared a chart detailing hospitalizations since January 2021:



The Delta variant is now the dominant strain of COVID-19 in Ohio. In May, less than 1% of lab sequenced cases were identified as the Delta variant. The most recent data from July 4th through July 17th, show that 86.4% of lab sequenced cases were the Delta variant. Dr. Vanderhoff outlined why the Delta variant of the virus is more dangerous than previous strains of the virus – noting that viral loads of delta are higher, meaning the virus creates more copies of itself once it gets into the body and make patients sicker, quicker.

Vaccination uptake remains slow in the state – less than 50% of the state’s total population has received the first dose of the vaccine. The governor did say the number of people getting vaccinated each day is increasing. There has been an increase of vaccinations in 85 of Ohio’s 88 counties in July compared to the previous month while last week saw an increase in all 88 counties compared to the first week in July.

The Governor said schools, businesses, and health providers are making own decisions and they are right to do so. The governor reiterated his belief in local control and individuals making their own decisions. For instance, both Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Public Health issued a mask advisory on Thursday, August 5, urging everyone to wear a mask indoors and in crowded areas regardless of vaccine status until further notice.

When asked whether he’d be doing something different if SB 22 (which restricts the state health department and local health departments’ ability to issue health orders) was not in place, Governor DeWine said he takes the facts as they exist and urged everyone to get vaccinated and consider what they need to do to keep themselves and others safe.

Updated guidance documents for schools, including new quarantine guidance for in-school exposures issued on August 5, and recommendations for social distancing, masking and congregating are available: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/responsible-restart-ohio/sector-specific-operating-requirements/sector-specific-operating-requirements>

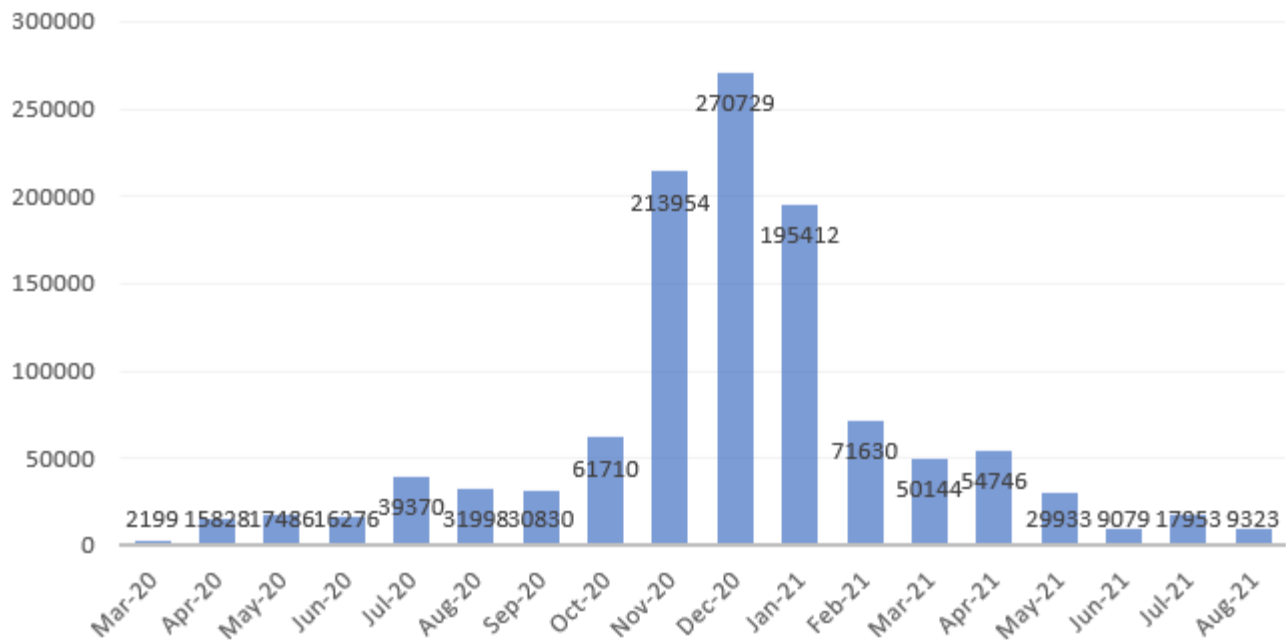
There were 899 confirmed COVID-19 patients hospitalized, up from 625 patients a week ago and 418 patients two weeks ago. The 7-day test positivity rate for confirmed tests was 5.9%.

Ohio COVID-19 Data Curves

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

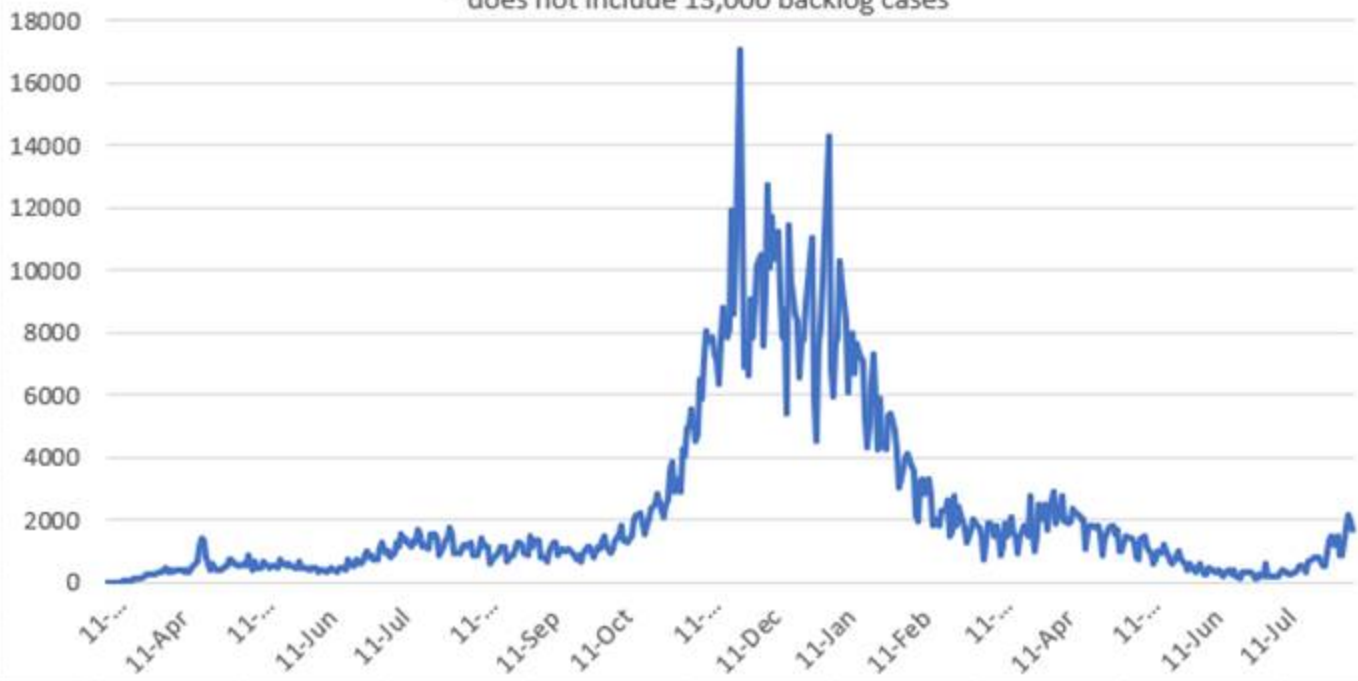
Cumulative New Cases by Month

*approximation



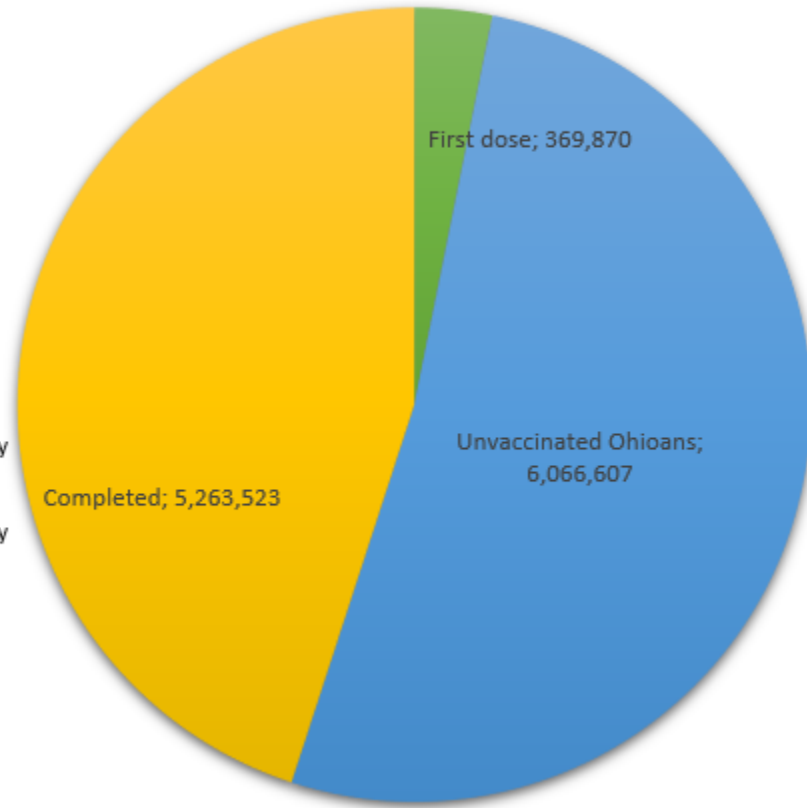
Number of New Cases Per Day

*does not include 13,000 backlog cases



Vaccinations

- First dose
- Unvaccinated Ohioans
- Completed



5,813,529 started
180,136 doses other state or no residency

5,413,790 completed
150,267 doses other state or no residency

% of Ohio residents with first dose
48.15% of state population
56.33% of eligible

% of Ohio residents completed
44.99% of state population
52.64% of eligible

(Vaccination data is from Thursday, August 5)