

OH Gov. DeWine COVID-19 update_9.23.2021

Thurs. Sept. 23	1,373,275 Total Cases (CDC)	7475 New Cases	71301 Number of Hospitalizations	9326 ICU Admissions	698.7 Cases per 100,000
Weds. Sept. 22	1,365,800 Total Cases (CDC)	6882 New Cases	71001 Number of Hospitalizations	9302 ICU Admissions	
Tues. Sept. 21	1,358,918 Total Cases (CDC)	6814 New Cases	70655 Number of Hospitalizations	9271 ICU Admissions	21596 Total Deaths in Ohio
Mon. Sept. 20	1,352,1004 Total Cases (CDC)	4899 New Cases	70196 Number of Hospitalizations	9224 ICU Admissions	
Sun. Sept. 19	1,347,205 Total Cases (CDC)	4428 New Cases	69982 Number of Hospitalizations	9200 ICU Admissions	

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

There were 3,700 confirmed COVID-19 patients hospitalized today, up from 3,589 patients a week ago and 3,253 patients two weeks ago. The 7-day test positivity rate for confirmed tests was 13.7%.

Governor DeWine conducted today's press conference to once again highlight the increasing pressures facing Ohio hospitals. The Governor read from a letter he received this morning from the Ohio Hospital Association about the growing burden on hospitals. Currently, 1 out of 6 patients in Ohio hospitals are COVID patients, but that figure is 1 out of 2 patients in rural southeastern Ohio. The lack of resources is impacting care for both COVID and non-COVID patients.

The Governor also said children's healthcare services are being stretched as well. Since August 15, there have been over 42,000 confirmed or probable cases in children ages 5-17. 158 children ages 0-17 were admitted to a hospital last week with COVID, a more than 600% increase over 4 weeks ago and by far the largest percentage increase during that time period.

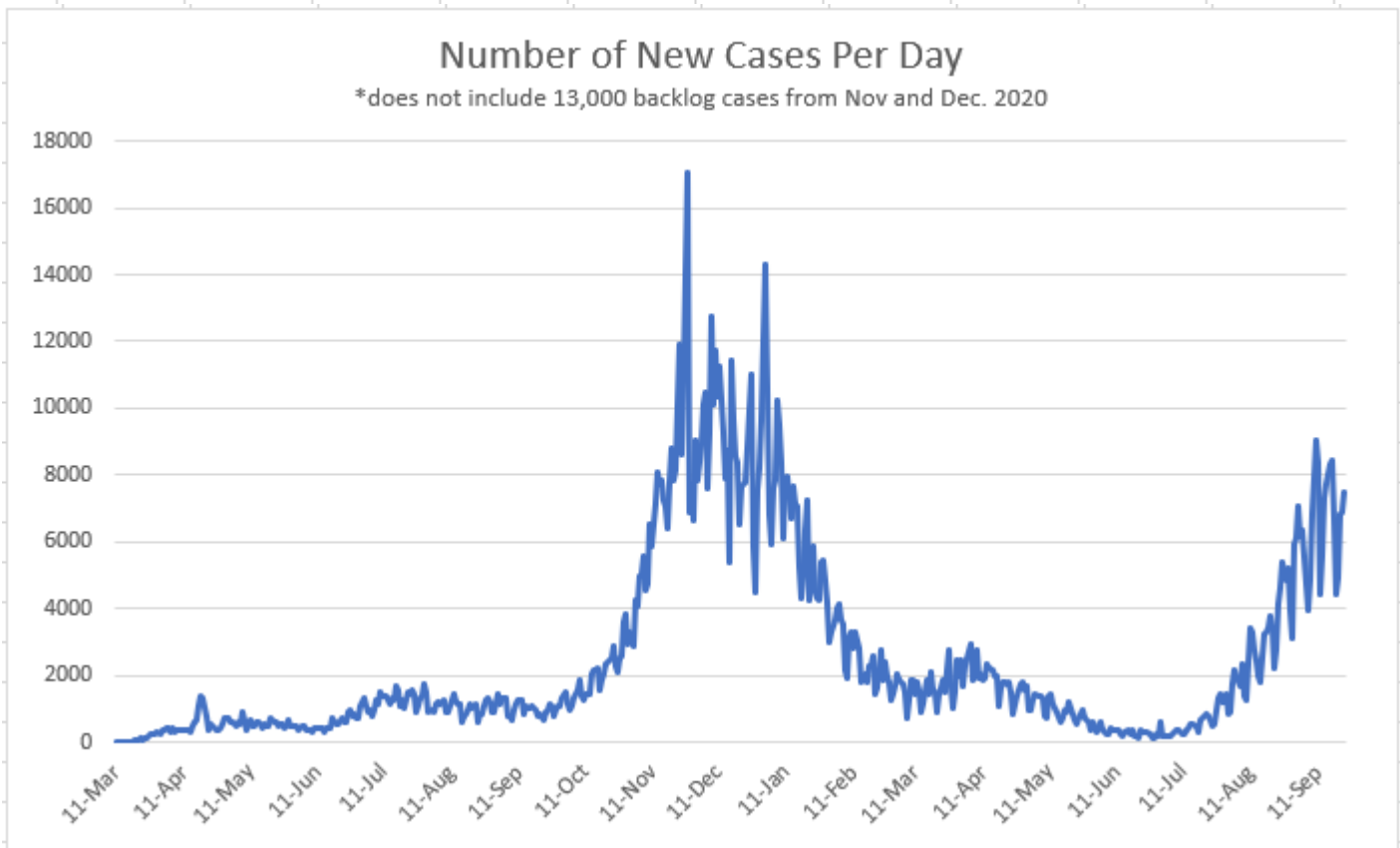
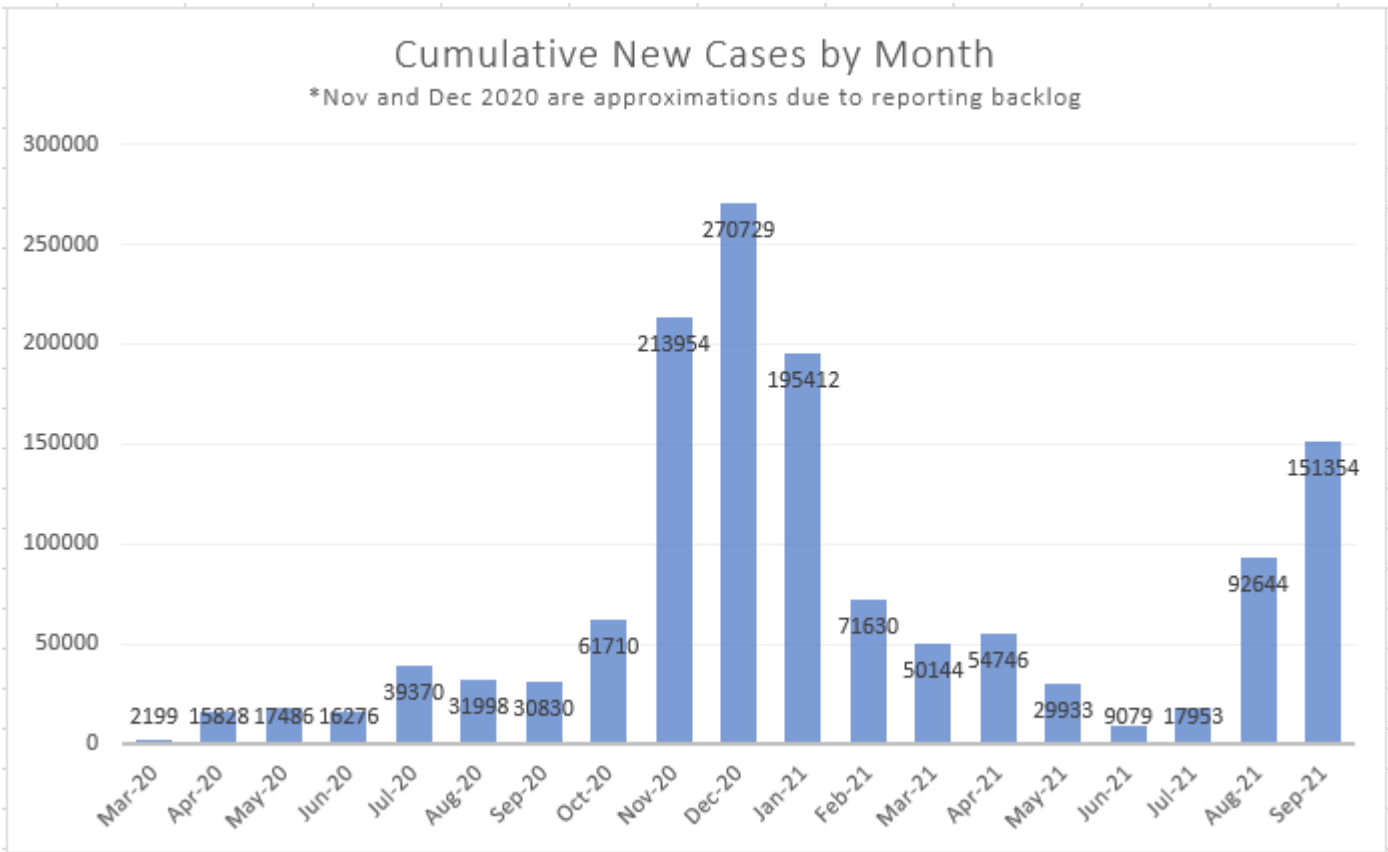
He again urged younger Ohioans to get vaccinated. Governor DeWine said that state numbers for people aged 12-25 are approximately 46%, but noted that in many communities that figure is much, much lower. Governor DeWine again cautioned people that the best way to keep kids in school and healthy is to get them vaccinated. Dr. Vanderhoff noted that over 365,000 kids in Ohio have been vaccinated successfully with little to no adverse impact.

To help with vaccinations in this age group, the Governor announced a new Vax-to-School scholarship drawing. Open to all Ohioans age 12-25, 5 winners will be eligible for a \$100,000 scholarship to higher education, job training, career or technical training, etc. There will also be 50 \$10,000 scholarships. The Ohio Department of Health will announce details and rules in the next week. Scholarships will be funded by unspent federal aid dollars.

In response to media questions about effectiveness of another drawing, Governor DeWine said hospitals are at such a critical stage that it makes it worth taking some chances to try and prevent spread in young people. Governor DeWine announced that the Attorney General has committed to short term prioritization of background checks for potential school bus drivers. As referenced in the last press conference, there is a severe shortage of drivers. This is one effort to help get more drivers qualified to drive routes. He said they are still looking National Guard help, but he cautioned that using the National Guard will necessarily take those people from other jobs that might be critical.

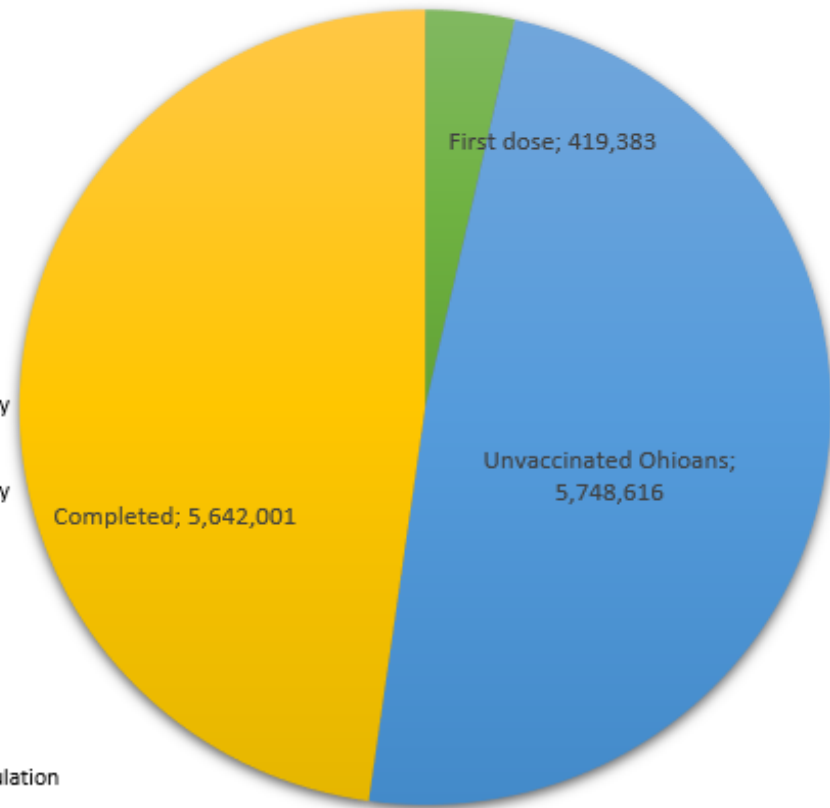
Ohio COVID-19 Data Curves

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



Vaccinations

- First dose
- Unvaccinated Ohioans
- Completed



6,247,373 started
200,163 doses other state or no residency

5,788,917 completed
162,754 doses other state or no residency

% of Ohio residents with first dose
51.37% of state population
60.61% of eligible

% of Ohio residents completed
47.81% of state population
56.42% of eligible

Figures based on 11.80 million total population
and 10 million eligible