

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Chat</b>
Angela Penquite:	Good evening! Please place your questions in the chat box. We will make every effort to have your questions addressed.
Angela Penquite:	This town hall and the accompanying chat is being recorded and will be available on OSBA's COVID-19 webpage at <a href="https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/coronavirus">https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/coronavirus</a>
Vella King:	Does anybody know how the first districts to receive the vaccines were chosen? There does not seem to be a lot of diversity with metro areas chosen over rural areas.
Susie Lawson:	Is there a list of when each district will receive the vaccine ?
Rick Lewis:	Susie, it is my understanding that superintendents will be informed no later than tomorrow regarding their district's status.
Rick Lewis:	Rick Lewis, executive director, <a href="mailto:RLewis@ohioschoolboards.org">RLewis@ohioschoolboards.org</a>
Susie Lawson:	Thanks.
huster.ch:	I was wondering if special education teachers could receive the vaccine first? Many of these educators have very close contacts with their students
Ginnie J.:	It was my understanding from the governor's remarks that all the districts in a county were to be vaccinated within a week. However, that does not seem to be the case.
Angela Penquite:	@Susie, ODE's webpage has the list of schools included in week 1: <a href="http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Reset-and-Restart/K12-School-Staff-Vaccination-Program">http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Reset-and-Restart/K12-School-Staff-Vaccination-Program</a>
Scott Huddle:	Thank You, Angela!
huster.ch:	So it could take another four weeks before our teachers get the first dose? How are substitutes and contractors impacted, since they also interact with students in multiple settings, but are not necessarily employees?
Angela Abram:	Angela, we will ask Dr. Richard to confirm this, but I believe local superintendents will have the discretion for inclusion. I have heard anecdotally that casual subs are not necessarily the target audience, but those that are serving multiple days in one or more districts would certainly be covered. I will defer to Dr Richard on the other contractors.
Rick Lewis:	Who is this speaking right now?
Amity Arnold:	Dr. John Richard, ODE deputy state superintendent is currently speaking.
Rick Lewis:	KATHY
MCFARLAND:	Dr. John Richard. ODE Deputy Superintendent
Angela Abram:	@Rick Lewis- thank you
Amity Arnold:	thank you
Rick Lewis:	You're very welcome.
Ginnie J.:	Are outside coaches eligible to be included?
Cheryl Ryan:	Will second doses be disseminated in the same way?

Jaimie Beamer: Are districts that have been in person since August eligible before those districts that have not been in person.

Jaimie Beamer: Are immunization given on site at school or at county health departments and hospitals.

John Richard(Ohio): John Richard: john.richard@education.ohio.gov

huster.ch: We have been in school full time since Christmas break, and our teachers want it soon, since they are teaching full time in classroom

Rick Lewis: Jaime, OSBA was not involved in the decision making, but I don't believe that was included in the criteria. I see that Cincinnati is listed early on the list but is still remote. It may be a function of county positivity rates, number of students or even another factor.

Jaimie Beamer: oka

Rick Lewis: Randy Lucas should be able to confirm this, but as locals and the ESCs plan the partnerships, that should include site selection for the vaccine distribution.

Rick Lewis: I will ask Mark or Kathy to follow up with Randy.

Krista Stump: Our school has been in person since September. We are scheduled to get vaccines the week of February

Jaimie Beamer: Thanks Rick. Knew OSBA wasn't part of determination, just makes sense to us that have been in session since start of year everyday would be one of the first groups eligible. I appreciate your .

Cheryl Marcus: In looking quickly at the list on the ODE website, I wondered if the school districts in the first round were selected because of positivity rates. Information would be helpful.

Ginnie J.: Are all the districts in a county to be vaccinated within a week? It does not necessarily seem to be the case.

Krista Stump: Our school has been having in person teaching 100% since September. We are scheduled to get vaccines the week of February 1st.

Catherine Puster: Just a comment from a district who has been in-person since Sept 8- please along to those making the decisions... We have worked really hard to keep our kids in school- and we have done just that- have kid in-person. It might be a good idea to reward those of us who have done this and put us as more of a priority on vaccine rollout list.

SALLY GREEN: If someone is on the school district list but develops Covid or on quarantine when they are suppose to get the vaccine- Do they miss out or what should they do?

Paul R. Lockwood II: Will all schools within the ESC have the same vaccine or will they have different districts each week?

Liz Pirnat: What about volunteer coaches? Are they eligible for vaccines?

I totally understand the argument for getting vaccines to those who have worked hard to keep schools open. It does appear on the surface that some districts that are remote have been incentivized to at least return to a hybrid model.

Rick Lewis:

Volunteer coaches - if the superintendent determines that person as essential to daily operations, then the answer would be yes.

John Richard(Ohio):

COACHES - ODE has been pretty consistent. I believe the local superintendent has the discretion to include them ESPECIALLY if they are spring coaches.

Rick Lewis:

I would just like to state that just because some districts have been on full virtual or hybrid -- or have moved in between these two learning modes -- that does not mean that we have not worked very diligently to provide a safe environment for our staff and students. There are many factors -- some outside of our own hands -- that effect our mode of educational delivery.

Debbie Dunlap:

Kerri Weir:

Thank you Randy!

Chris Varwig:

Agreed Debbie Dunlap.

Debbie, agreed! I hope in my haste of typing I didn't imply otherwise. Every district has unique challenges and some have been hit much harder than others. That's why we worked so hard to give schools control at the local level and I applaud every district for their work in delivering education and keeping students and staff safe.

Rick Lewis:

My email address is [randy.lucas@ecoesc.org](mailto:randy.lucas@ecoesc.org) if anyone has additional questions for me. Thank you for the opportunity to explain the role of ESCs in this process.

Randy Lucas:

Rogina Conroy:

So if you are non union shop you can mandate the vaccine

Paul R. Lockwood II: What if you do not have a union?

You can reach the OSBA legal division with further questions at [legalhotline@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:legalhotline@ohioschoolboards.org) or (855) OSBA-LAW

Angela Penquite:

Here is the EEOC's guidance that Ralph mentioned.

<https://www.eeoc.gov/wysk/what-you-should-know-about-covid-19-and-ada-rehabilitation-act-and-other-eeo-laws>. Vaccinations are addressed in section K.

Sara Clark:

Paul R. Lockwood II: ESC s don't all have unions.

Angela Penquite: The posdcast is at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-podcasts](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-podcasts)

My understanding is that if a staff member has had Covid in tge last 90 days they should not get the vaccine.

Vella King:

Ralph Lusher: [rlusher@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:rlusher@ohioschoolboards.org)

huster.ch:

Thank you

Thank you OSBA for putting this program together. It did a great job of putting us up to speed on the process.

Paul R. Lockwood II:

Todd Boggs-Perkins

Local Schools: Thank you all!

Debbie Dunlap: I was told by a nurse that you have to be three months out after testing positive before you can get a vaccine.

Debbie Dunlap: Something to clarify...

Amity Arnold: I am a physician assistant. Having Covid in the past 90 days is NOT a reason not to get the vaccine. Having Covid within the past 10 days is.

Angela Abram: According to Dr. Roberts, you have to wait 90 days if you received monoclonal antibody treatment

Laurie Miller: Much of these questions will depend on the availability of the vaccines as well.

huster.ch: So if we are in school full time, will we have to close for the day?

Amity Arnold: Yes, 90 days from monoclonal antibody treatment is true

Amity Arnold: Visit OSBA's COVID-19 resource webpage for the most recent updates:

Angela Penquite: <https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/coronavirus>

Vella King: Thank you Amity

Debbie Krutz: See CDC Q & A regarding waiting to get vaccine after COVID:

Debbie Krutz: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html>

Jaimie Beamer: Thank you everyone,