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Agency Responds to Vaccination Needs

Regional Clinics

The Agency partnered with the Ohio National Guard and the Ohio Department of Aging in February to create Rapid Regional Response Teams (R3T) providing on-site Covid-19 vaccination clinics in affordable housing communities. Our Agency staff were instrumental in identifying and scheduling clinic sites, collaborating with residential coordinators to notify residents, plus arrange for transportation for residents from additional housing communities to attend clinics. More Agency staff volunteered to help with registration, traffic flow, post-vaccination observation areas, and offer information about long-term services and supports.

These clinics have so far vaccinated more than 890 people through 19 clinics in Montgomery, Clark, and Greene counties. Our partner Catholic Social Services has vaccinated approximately 90 people so far through similar R3T clinics in our northern counties.

The Agency continues coordination with the Ohio National Guard in development of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) "sprinter" vans offering vaccinations to smaller affordable housing communities that don't require a full clinic.

937-223-HELP

As soon as Covid-19 vaccinations became available and began phased eligibility, vaccine shortages and difficulties finding appointments drove a sharp increase in callers to our 937-223-HELP number. Our Information Specialists kept

abreast of the almost daily changes in vaccination eligibility and clinic information throughout our nine counties to help as many people as possible, finding and making appointments for callers if able, and sharing regional transportation information to help people find rides to and from vaccination appointments. With vaccine supplies stabilized and more Ohioans vaccinated, we continue to help share vital information with older adults in our region.

Searchable Site for Vaccination

Vaccinations are currently available to all Ohioans age 16 and older through either appointment or on a walk-in basis. The state's website, gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov, is a convenient tool searchable by zip code to find nearby vaccination providers. Governor Mike DeWine asks that Ohioans continue to follow and promote safety measures to help control the virus' spread even after vaccination. Learn more information and regular updates on keeping yourself and others safe at coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Anyone needing assistance determining where and how to find a vaccine provider or appointment may contact us at **937-223-HELP (4357)** or **1-800-258-7277**.

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