

Message from Mayor Hruby - Friday 03-12-21

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From the Office of the Mayor
Jerry N. Hruby

The following are the most recent updates regarding Covid-19, vaccinations, and current directives which, of course, are ever-changing coming forth from the Governor's office and the Ohio Department of Health. I thank Dr. Steve Paciorek, our Human Services Director for his input in putting together this information, which I hope you will consider helpful.

Covid-19 Information

- As of March 10, 2021, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), will no longer issue a travel advisory for those entering Ohio after traveling to states reporting positive testing rates of 15% or higher. Instead, ODH is revising its travel guidance to encourage Ohioans to carefully review Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance when considering travel. This change means the state-by-state list will no longer be updated. However, individuals should still practice appropriate public health measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, such as wearing masks, practicing physical distancing, and washing your hands.
- Governor DeWine also announced that he anticipates that we will be able to have full county fairs this year. DeWine said the only big requirement is limiting grandstand capacity to 30% and requiring social distancing practices. The governor said he was also asking county fairs to require mask wearing. As more of the population becomes vaccinated and cases continue to trend downward, DeWine said that guidance is likely to change, including the possibility that coronavirus restrictions could end.
- We continue to update our website on the latest COVID vaccination information. If you are still have issues trying to register, please contact our Human Services Department at 440-526-2499 for assistance.

Vaccine Information

We continue to update vaccination information on our City's website.

https://www.brecksville.oh.us/NewsEvents/CommunityNews_articles/COVID-19.html

Here are some numbers and locations for receiving the vaccine.

MetroHealth - For help scheduling call 216-778-6100 or register through “MyChart” and you will be notified when the vaccine is available and where. Go to <https://www.metrohealth.org/covid-19/covid-vaccine>.

Cleveland Clinic - For help scheduling call 216-444-2538 or register at <https://mychart.clevelandclinic.org/recoverlogin.asp>. There is a click on button to sign up if you are new to Cleveland Clinic’s MyChart.

UH - For help scheduling call 216-767-8986

Patients can register online as well <https://www.uhhospitals.org/services/covid-19-vaccine>. At this time, vaccinations will be administered at the UH

Management Services Center, 3605 Warrensville Center Rd. in Shaker Heights.

Marc’s, Drug Mart & Giant Eagle (these are the closest locations near Brecksville that are administering the vaccine).

Drug Mart 440-652-4115

Giant Eagle 440-526-1584

Marc’s 440-746-1015

Rite Aid Pharmacy 440.717.1697

Veteran's Administration

877-838-8262 or <https://www.cleveland.va.gov/services/covid-19-vaccines.asp>

Cuyahoga County Board of Health 216-201-2000

Local Vaccine location finder: <https://vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov/>

City of Brecksville <https://www.brecksville.oh.us>

Other than registering through the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) website, people can continue to call local pharmacies & their Primary Care Physician. The system is overwhelmed right now but the Cuyahoga County Board of Health has assured us that beginning soon, more providers will have the vaccine and they will be notified.

If you are still having issues getting an appointment, please contact Human Services at 440-526-2499 and they will be more than happy to assist you.

Wolstein Center Info and Q&A

Beginning on March 17, Ohioans who qualify can get their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine at the mass vaccination clinic in downtown Cleveland (Wolstein Center). Vaccinations and parking at the event are FREE, and participants are guaranteed their second dose at the same site. Right now, anyone ages 50 or older qualify to be vaccinated -- or those of any age qualify if they are of high-risk because of certain medical conditions. The site will offer the Pfizer vaccine product for the first six weeks.

You can still register through the various hospitals and pharmacies throughout

the area, but please keep in mind that the pool of eligible people to get vaccinated will continue to increase over the next few months. I would suggest that you stay persistent in your efforts to register for the vaccine.

Here are a few commonly asked questions and answers:

Q. If I already had COVID and recovered, should I still get vaccinated?

A. Yes, you should be vaccinated regardless of whether you already had COVID-19. That's because experts do not yet know how long you are protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. Even if you have already recovered from COVID-19, it is possible—although rare—that you could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 again. Talk to your doctor if you are unsure what treatments you received or if you have more questions about getting a COVID-19 vaccine.

Q. How long should I wait to get the COVID vaccine after having COVID?

A. It is recommended by the CDC to wait 90 days (and without symptoms).

Q. Which COVID vaccine should I get?

A. The one that is offered to you J, but check with your physician if you're not sure. I would not wait until the Johnson and Johnson vaccine is available to you to make your decision.

Q. Do I still have to wear a mask and practice social distancing after I receive the COVID vaccine?

A. Yes. Our City policies and protocols have not changed. It is still possible to spread COVID after you've been vaccinated.

Q. When am I fully vaccinated against COVID?

A. A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the last required dose of vaccine. Because of this, you can still become ill during this time frame. Although vaccinations are accelerating, the CDC estimates that just 9.2% of the U.S. population has been fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine that the FDA has authorized for emergency use.

Q. How long does protection from a COVID-19 vaccination last?

A. Because the length of immunity after developing COVID-19 or getting the vaccine is still being studied, practicing physical or social distancing and wearing a mask need to continue to stop the spread. However, some research has shown that immunity to the virus can last at least 6-8 months...maybe longer.

Please continue to practice social-distancing, mask wearing, and daily health checks. Our numbers continue to decrease, however we're not out of the woods

yet.



Tree Clearing. The tree clearing phase of the Sherwin-Williams Development has started. Construction time is limited to 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. On March 11th, the Brecksville Planning Commission authorized the tree clearing phase of the residential portion of Valor Acres. No date has been set for this project to begin. But I would suspect it will be sometime next week to meet the Indiana Bat deadline.



Council President Michael Harwood is continuing his recovery and we wish him a speedy return to good health. Council Vice President Laura Redinger is assuming Council President Harwood's duties. Any questions or comments that wish to direct towards the Council President, please refer to Laura Redinger.



Unemployment Fraud. By now most are aware of the Ohio unemployment fraud scheme that has targeted numerous individuals, not only within our community, but throughout the State. Please use the following link for further information and guidance. Feel free to contact your Brecksville Police if you have any questions that are not answered with these attachments. Many employees of the City and elected officials have been targets of this scheme.



Shred Day. Just a reminder so you may begin to prepare - May 15, 2021 will be our first of two Shred Days to be held this year at the Brecksville Municipal Parking Lot in front of the Service Department. More information is available to you on our Webpage or in the City Bulletin.

I wish our Irish residents a very Happy St. Patrick's Day!

God Bless,
Jerry N. Hruby
Mayor

