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Heart of Ohio Family Health selected amongst 21 Ohio health centers by the federal government to participate in the Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program

Heart of Ohio Family Health (HOFH) has been selected amongst 21 Ohio Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) to participate in Phase 2 of the Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program. To ensure that our nation's underserved communities and those disproportionately affected by COVID-19 are equitably vaccinated, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Health Center launched the program on February 9 to directly allocate limited COVID-19 vaccinations to HRSA-supported health centers.

“Health centers play a crucial role in delivering health care to local communities,” said Chief Executive Officer Dr. Buhari Mohammed, “With over 80% of our patients being minorities, we are humbled to participate in the program in bringing vaccinations to our communities in need.”

Phase 1 of the vaccine program selected 250 HRSA-funded health centers nationwide. Health centers selected are caring for populations that are disproportionately affected by COVID-19, including people experiencing homelessness, agricultural workers, residents of public housing, and those with limited English proficiency.

Phase 2 of the program includes health centers that serve high proportions of low income and minority patients, provide services to rural/frontier populations, operate Tribal/Urban Indian Health Programs, and/or utilize mobile vans to deliver services.

As part of Phase 2, HOFH will receive a direct weekly federal shipment of COVID-19 vaccinations.

“We will be following all the protocols and provide timely administration of all vaccinations,” said Chief Medical Officer Dr. William Washington.

HOFH will also continue to follow state priority guidelines in administering the vaccine and be required to store, handle and administer vaccinations according to stated requirements. As of March 22, HOFH is administering vaccinations for Phase 2C (Ohioans ages 40 and up), following Ohio’s Vaccination Plan.

As a FQHC, HOFH does not turn any patient away, regardless of their ability to pay. Anyone can make a vaccination appointment at HOFH by calling 614-235-5555.



This health center is a Health Center Program grantee under 42 U.S.C. 254b, and a deemed Public Health Service employee under 42 U.S.C. 233(g)-(n).

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About Heart of Ohio Family Health

Heart of Ohio Family Health (HOFHC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit health care provider committed to serving all groups, ethnicities, and communities in Central Ohio since 2003. Operating as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), we offer services in primary care, pediatrics, behavioral health, substance use disorder, OBGYN, diagnostic laboratory, pharmacy, dietetics & nutrition, and interpretation.

To read all of Heart of Ohio Family Health COVID-19 news updates, visit <https://heartofohiofamilyhealth.org/our-community/covid-19-updates>.

To learn more about Heart of Ohio Family Health, visit www.heartofohiofamilyhealth.org.

To learn more about the Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program, visit https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions?field_faq_category_tid=306&combine.



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