

CHN WEEKLY UPDATE

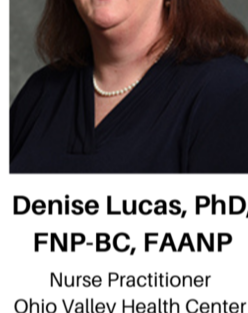
Week of April 12th, 2021



MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES!

Wednesday April 21st 11:30AM-12PM

[Click here](#) to register for this Zoom event!



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Nurse Practitioner
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Manager
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Joel Kessel
Executive Coach, Strategic
Advisor
Kessel Strategies



Linda Smith-Berry
Executive Director
Good Samaritan Free
Health Center

MEMBER REMINDERS

UCF 3rd Quarter Reports DUE FRIDAY

[Click here](#) to complete your report!

Symposium Registration is LIVE - don't wait, register today!

[Click here to register.](#)

MEMBER LINKS

[Ohio COVID-Vaccine Scheduler Tool](#)

[*FREE* COVID Testing Sites](#)

[COVID-19 Resource Page](#)

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Central Ohio Charitable Pharmacy's Executive Director Recognized for Outstanding Community Engagement

Executive Director Jennifer Seifert received the 2020 Outstanding Community Engagement Award from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy this past November. The award recognizes "an alumnus for outstanding accomplishments in community engagement." The Charitable Pharmacy enjoys a close relationship with the college as we host 5 advanced pharmacy interns each month on clinical rotation. To date, more than 550 students have spent time in direct patient engagement at the pharmacy.



"We are very proud of the outstanding work Jenni Seifert has been doing with Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio," said Henry Mann, Dean of The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy. "Her award cites Jenni's deep interest in reducing the barriers to improving health that poverty imposes. Jenni constantly advocates for the most vulnerable members of our community and is a wonderful example for all of our Buckeye Alumni. We are delighted that she has received this recognition."

CONGRATS JENNIFER ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

MEMBER RESOURCES

ODH's Latest Guidance on the Johnson and Johnson Vaccine

If you have received, or will be receiving, Johnson & Johnson vaccine this week, please store the vaccine per manufacturer's recommendation.

Information we recommend vaccine providers share with staff, patients, and vaccine recipients:

- **Appointments Scheduled:** If patients are currently scheduled for an appointment to have Johnson & Johnson administered, and you have adequate supply from another manufacturer, you should attempt to maintain that appointment to administer either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. If that is not possible, we recommend you contact patients and attempt to reschedule or cancel appointments during this pause.
- **Signs and symptoms:** People who have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their doctor, according to the FDA and CDC statement.
- **No impact on the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines:** The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines use a different vaccine technology than the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. There have been no safety concerns with these COVID-19 messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines.
- **The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is an adenovirus vaccine.** The vaccine uses a modified version of a virus to deliver instructions to cells to make copies of the surface spike protein on SARS-CoV-2. An inactive virus, such as one that causes the common cold, is used as a vector (or transportation device) to deliver instructions for making the spike protein.
 - Scientists began using this technology in the 1970s.
 - Besides being used in vaccines, such as flu and RSV, this technology has been studied for gene therapy, to treat cancer, and for molecular biology research. Vaccines using this technology were used during the Ebola outbreak.
- **Vaccine adverse events** are reported through the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). VAERS, managed by the CDC and FDA, is part of the larger vaccine safety system in the United States that helps make sure vaccines are safe. A report to VAERS does not mean that a vaccine caused an adverse event. But VAERS can give CDC and FDA important information. FDA and CDC will investigate further and take action as needed.

Mass Vaccination Clinics and Colleges and University Clinic Updates.



Sites Proceeding With Pfizer	Sites Proceeding With Moderna	Sites Pausing This Week
Dayton Convention Center	Lima/Allen County Public Health	Ohio University Mobile Clinic
Zanesville Genesis Healthcare System	Maumee at Lucas County Rec Center	Youngstown/Mahoning County Public Health at Dillard's in Southern Park Mall
Akron at Summit County Fairgrounds	Marietta at Memorial Health System	Kroger at Cincinnati Certas Center
Columbus Public Health at Celeste Center at Ohio Expo Center & State Fairgrounds	Ohio Northern University Mobile Clinic	Kroger at Wilmington Air Park
University of Cincinnati*	Chillicothe at Adena PACCAR	Bowling Green State University*
Ohio University*	Staubenville at Jefferson County General Health District (no Saturday clinic)	Miami University*
University of Toledo*	Mansfield at Richland County Fairgrounds	Cleveland State University*
Wright State University*	Fostoria/Seneca County Mobile Clinic	Youngstown State University*
Kent State University*		
The Ohio State University*		

* On-campus student clinics

More Ohioans Eligible for Health Insurance Premium Financial Assistance

More Ohioans are eligible for health insurance premium financial assistance starting April 1 due to recently passed federal legislation. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 instituted a subsidy for people in need of COBRA continuation coverage through their former employer and expanded subsidy access and amounts for people with a Marketplace plan.

Financial assistance covering 100% of COBRA premiums is available to eligible individuals and depends on April 1 and Sept. 30, 2021. COBRA provides certain former employees, and dependents the right to temporarily continue their employer-provided health coverage.

The act also expanded subsidies for Marketplace plans to people above 400% of the poverty level and increased subsidies for those making between 100% and 400% of the poverty level. These subsidies are available through www.healthcare.gov starting April 1.

IMPORTANT NEWS

New Rules About COVID Vaccinations for 16- and 17- Year Olds

In specific settings, 16- and 17-year-olds may now be vaccinated without parental presence.

Children ages 16 and 17 who are not emancipated must have **parental or legal guardian consent for any vaccine**. A parent or legal guardian should generally accompany the minor to receive the vaccine unless the vaccine administration occurs in a physician's office, school-based or school-associated clinic, or similar setting.

This change in guidance will allow 16- and 17-year-olds to be vaccinated at on-site school vaccination clinics before the end of the school year. It is important to note that 16- and 17-year-olds must still be accompanied by a parent to be vaccinated at the **Wolstein Mass Vaccination Clinic in Cleveland**.

If you have any questions or issues, please call the ODH Provider Call Center between 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, at 1-844-90DHVAX (1-844-963-4829) or email COVIDVACCINE@odh.ohio.gov

Promising News for Pregnant People Who Want a COVID-19 Vaccine

Emerging data points to safety for women who get a coronavirus shot during pregnancy and protection for their infants as well. In regards to pregnant individuals, the article noted, "Among the new findings: Pregnant people vaccinated against COVID-19 appear able to pass immunity to their newborns through the placenta and breast milk. Dr. Linda Eckert, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Washington, says she can use this new evidence in discussions with pregnant patients on whether to get vaccinated."

[Click here](#) to view the full article.

Many Pregnant Women with Low Incomes Lose Insurance Coverage After Giving Birth, Study Finds

While many pregnant women gain coverage through Medicaid, ensuring they have insurance after giving birth remains a significant challenge, according to a new study (Source: "[Study: 1 in 3 women with prenatal Medicaid lack coverage before or after pregnancy.](#)") Fierce Healthcare, April 7).

An [Urban Institute study](#) found that 26.8% of new mothers covered for prenatal care through Medicaid were uninsured prior to becoming pregnant. In addition, 21.9% became uninsured again within two to six months of their child's birth, the study found.

The study found higher rates of women without coverage in states that did not expand Medicaid and among Hispanic women. The researchers said that the difference in insurance rates between new Black and White mothers was smaller and that boosting coverage wouldn't necessarily tackle high rates of maternal mortality among Black women.

[Click here](#) to view the full article.

MONTHLY COVID-19 DISCUSSION GROUP



The Charitable Healthcare Network is hosting a **monthly** virtual discussion group for Ohio's charitable health care organizations. Here we will check-in with one another and share resources/strategies on our approach to handling the pandemic. Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month from 11am-12pm. Come ready to discuss these pressing public health issues and connect with other clinics just like you!

Our next meeting will be: Wednesday, April 21st, at 11AM EST

For this month's meeting we will be discussing common barriers clinics are facing with **vaccine hesitancy**. The second half of the meeting will be spent meeting CHN's new board member candidates for 2021!

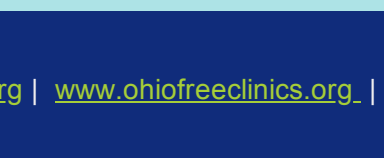
Would you or someone you know be interested in hosting a discussion? [Click Here.](#)

[Download, view, or watch meeting recordings here](#)

[Register for our Discussion Group](#)

Have News with Your Clinic?

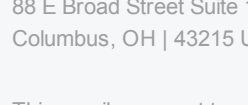
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