



PHG Update: February 4, 2021

Dear Valued Providers

We want to be a resource to our Premier Health Group Independent providers. Throughout this pandemic, we will provide clinical and operational updates as they become available to support the provider community.

In addition, we have created a resources page on the [PHG website](#).

Please feel free to contact us directly at (937) 499-7441 if you have any questions

Yours sincerely,

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Guidance for Hospitalized Patients and Second Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine

If a patient is hospitalized when they are scheduled to receive their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, please be advised that, at this time, Premier Health is not administering COVID vaccine to admitted patients.

Per CDC guidance, the second dose should be administered as close to the recommended interval as possible. However, if it is not feasible to adhere to the recommended interval, **the second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines may be scheduled for administration up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose.** Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>

Additionally, current information indicates people are more likely to experience side effects from the second dose. Therefore, recovery from an acute illness that required hospitalization is not the ideal time to receive the vaccine, considering symptoms could overlap with other disease processes. This is most applicable to the frail extended care facility (ECF) population.

Premier Health recommends that patients receive the second dose upon returning home (include ECFs). We will continue to monitor guidance regarding COVID vaccinations, including updates from the CDC, and will likely be able to offer second-dose COVID vaccinations to admitted hospitalized patients at a later date.



COVID-19 Vaccinations for Ohioans

Premier Health will stay aligned to state guidelines regarding vaccine prioritization. On February 8, Ohioans 65 and older are eligible to receive the vaccine.

Beginning on February 8, Ohioans who are 65 and older can schedule a vaccine in two ways:

1. [Schedule Online without using MyChart](#)
2. Call (937) 276-4141 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. seven days a week to schedule their vaccination. Due to extremely high call volumes, we are experiencing intermittent phone issues. If you get a busy signal or a message indicating the phone line is out of service, please wait and call back later. Our operators are answering calls as quickly as they can in the order they were received.

For the latest information on scheduling a COVID-19 vaccination and on the vaccine in general, visit www.premierhealth.com/vaccine.

Monoclonal Antibody Infusion

We have updated the order set for the COVID Monoclonal Therapy Order Set on the [Premier Health Group](#) website. The changes to the order set were as follows:

1. The Miamisburg Urgent Care location was removed as an infusion site
2. Added clarification to the Atrium Medical Center site - must choose this location for patients requiring stretchers

As a reminder, Premier Health is offering Outpatient Monoclonal Antibody Infusion services that can be ordered. These monoclonal antibody therapies may help outpatients avoid hospitalization and alleviate the burden on our health care system. Our goal is help patients remain at home and out of the hospital setting, therefore we have numerous appointments available for patients to take advantage of. If you have patients that qualify for this therapy, please refer them to these available clinics by completing the [Order Set](#).

COVID-19 Resources Available in Spanish

We want to share a free resource for your Spanish speaking patients who need information on COVID-19 educational materials. Patients can access free materials from Healthwise. Healthwise a non-profit company that develops health content and patient education for health insurance companies, care management companies, hospitals, and consumer health web sites.

This is a public site and the content is available to everyone. This link offers infographics, articles, and videos on the symptoms, prevention, and treatment of COVID-19 in English and a lot of the resources are available in Spanish as well.

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