

COVID-19 Response Efforts - May 14, 2021

Ohio Law Now Permits Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines to Individuals Seven and Older Without a Prescription

<u>HB 6</u> was signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine on May 14, 2021. This act, which takes effect immediately, updates ORC 4729.41 by permitting pharmacists and pharmacy interns to administer COVID-19 immunizations to individuals seven and older without a prescription pursuant to a physician approved protocol.

The Board has updated its guidance document for COVID-19 immunizations to reflect this law change: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVIDvaccine. Additional guidance documents regarding immunizations will be updated next week.

As a reminder, individuals ages 12 and older are now eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine, which is the only COVID-19 vaccine currently authorized for use for people ages 12-17.