Use the phone script below to respond to questions from the public regarding who can get the COVID-19 vaccine now, when it will be more widely available, vaccine pre-registration, and where to find current information.

Constituent Phone Script

- The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department is in the early stage of COVID-19 vaccine distribution and doses are available in limited supply.

- Early doses are therefore being distributed to populations with high risk of exposure or are particularly vulnerable to severe illness.

- These early vaccine recipients are considered to be a part of the State of Ohio’s “Phase 1A.” (description below)

- Before counties are permitted to move on to the next phases, the governor requires them to complete Phase 1A

- Governor DeWine recently announced the next broad category of people eligible to be vaccinated during Phase 1B, which include teachers and school personnel as well as individuals 65 and older. (description below)

- Anyone who needs more information as to their eligibility status, or that of their organization, should complete the online pre-registration form available on the COVID-19 Vaccine page on the Toledo-Lucas County Health department website.

- The web address is https://lucascountyhealth.com/covidvaccine/

- Filling out the form will establish a means of communication between you and the Health Department so they can let you know when the vaccine will be available to you.

- If you don’t have access to a computer, you can dial 2-1-1 for specific information and assistance with pre-registration.

- Once the priority populations have been vaccinated, vaccines will be available to the general public

- The Health Department will communicate through the news media about vaccine availability.

- The latest information can be found at https://lucascountyhealth.com/covidvaccine/ and on Facebook and Twitter: @ToledoLucasHD
Phase 1A (if constituents ask for specific details)
Eligibility includes:
- Healthcare workers and personnel who are routinely involved in the care of COVID-19 patients.
- Residents and staff in nursing homes.
- Residents and staff in assisted living facilities.
- Patients and staff at state psychiatric hospitals.
- People with developmental disabilities and those with mental health disorders, including substance use disorders, who live in group homes, residential facilities, or centers, and staff at those locations.
- EMS responders.

Phase 1B (if constituents ask for specific details)
Governor DeWine recently announced the next broad category of people eligible to be vaccinated during Phase 1B. At this time, this phase includes:
- Ohioans age 65 and older
- employees in all schools (K-12) that want to go back to or continue in-person education
- people with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders that make them particularly vulnerable.