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<u>Second Ohio Vax-2-School Deadline is Today, Sunday, Nov. 28</u>
Enter by 11:59 p.m. Tonight

COLUMBUS – The second deadline for Ohioans aged 5-25, or their parents or guardians, to enter to win $2 million in prizes from the Ohio Vax-2-School program is today, Sunday, Nov. 28, at 11:59 p.m. Once someone in the eligible age group has received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, they can enter online at www.ohiovax2school.com or by phone at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

Ohio Vax-2-School prizes include 150, $10,000 scholarships, and five, $100,000 grand prize scholarships. The Ohio Vax-2-School prize scholarships are awarded in Ohio 529 College Advantage plans, and can be used at the Ohio college, university, technical/trade school, or career program of the winner's choice.

The program has series of registration deadlines, the first of which has already passed. The remaining deadlines are as follows:

- Sunday, Nov. 28, 11:59 p.m. – eligible for the second drawing (75 $10,000 winners) and the grand prize drawing.
- Wednesday, Dec. 1, 11:59 p.m. – eligible for the grand prize drawing.

Each day from Monday, Nov. 29 through Friday, Dec. 3, 30 daily $10,000 scholarship winners will be announced at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Twitter and Instagram at @ohiovax2school. Grand prize winners will be announced on Friday, Dec. 3 at approximately 7:29 p.m. during the Ohio Lottery broadcast.

Although children are less likely than adults to get severely ill from COVID-19, they become sick – even seriously ill, and can suffer lasting complications from the virus, or even death. As of Nov. 26, more than 230,000 children have contracted COVID-19, and 17 Ohio residents under age 18 have died. Nationally, the virus has taken the lives of more than 900 children. COVID-19 vaccines create a safe, reliable protective immune response, and the best way to protect people from severe cases of COVID-19 resulting in hospitalization or death.

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available throughout the state. Many providers offer walk-in appointments, or Ohioans can schedule a vaccination appointment at gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov. Ohioans who want to learn more about the safety, efficacy, and side effects of COVID-19 vaccines should talk to their doctor, nurse, or pharmacist, or visit coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine to learn more.

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