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Reminder: Deadline to enter first Ohio Vax-a-Million Drawing is Today

Deadline to Enter First Vax-a-Million Drawing is 11:59 p.m. Tonight

COLUMBUS – Millions of Ohioans have already entered the Ohio Vax-a-Million drawings for their chance to win \$1 million or a college scholarship. The deadline to be entered for the second of five weekly drawings is today, Sunday, May 30, at 11:59 p.m. The winners will be announced this Wednesday, June 2. The Ohio Lottery will use a random number generator for the drawing. Take a look at the process at <https://youtu.be/1VWvj3KV8wU>.

With more than 5.2 million Ohioans who have started the vaccination process, not all who are eligible have entered. Ohio Vax-a-Million is an opt-in program, meaning you are not automatically entered. It takes less than two minutes to enter online at ohiovaxamillion.com. Those without Internet access can also enter by phone at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

Once you enter, your entry will be carried over through all the drawings. You do not need to submit your name each week. The entry list will be reviewed, and all duplicate entries will be removed prior to each week's drawing. In addition, any winner will be removed from the eligible draw list for subsequent drawings. Vaccination records will be verified for winners. If you are an Ohio resident who was vaccinated in another state, you are eligible, but will need to present proof of vaccination.

Winners will be announced each Wednesday at approximately 7:29 p.m. The final announcement will take place on Wednesday, June 23.

Last Wednesday, the first winners were announced. They included Abigail Bugenske from Silverton in Hamilton County who won the first \$1 million prize and Joseph Costello from Englewood in Montgomery County who won the first student full-ride scholarship including four years tuition, books, and room and board at an Ohio public university or college.

Ohio Vax-a-Million is a public outreach campaign and initiative to increase awareness of the availability and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines and provide incentives to Ohioans to get a COVID-19 vaccination. Ohioans 18 and older who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine can enter to win one of five \$1 million prizes. Ohioans ages 12-17 who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine can enter to win one of five four-year, full-ride scholarships, including room and board, tuition, and books, to any Ohio state college or university. More information is available at ohiovaxamillion.com.

Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines at coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine, or find an appointment near you at gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov. Walk-in appointments are available at many providers statewide. To speak with a representative to answer questions or book an appointment by phone, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).