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## Ohio's COVID vaccine lottery: How to know you are eligible to win \$1 million

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© Barbara J. Perenic/Columbus Dispatch First Lady Fran DeWine shows a picture of two new grandchildren to Ohio State student Annmarie Sabella of Cleveland. Sabella told the DeWines that she was looking forward to seeing more family once she was fully vaccinated. To highlight his recently announced commitment to vaccinate Ohio's college and university students, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine visited the Columbus COVID-19 mass vaccination site at the Ohio State University's Schottenstein Center on Monday, April 5, 2021.

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This is in addition to plans to drop the state's health orders on June 2.

DeWine acknowledged that not everybody would be a fan of his idea.

"I know that some may say, 'DeWine, you're crazy! This million-dollar drawing idea of yours is a waste of money.' But truly, the real waste at this point in the pandemic -- when the vaccine is readily available to anyone who wants it -- is a life lost to COVID-19."

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How do you know if you are eligible for the \$1 million COVID vaccine lottery?

You need to be an Ohio resident, vaccinated and 18 or older.

## Is anyone not eligible for the drawings?

"There will be a briefing next week with health and lottery officials that will lay out the terms and conditions of the contest," DeWine spokesman Dan Tierney said Thursday.

He added more details about the rules for the drawing will be released next week.

## When are the lottery drawings?

DeWine said drawings will be held for five consecutive Wednesdays, starting May 26, to pick the \$1 million winners. The drawings will be held 7:29 p.m. during Ohio Lottery broadcasts.

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## Where are the winners coming from?

DeWine said the winners will be pulled from the Ohio Secretary of State's voter registration database.

State officials said there will also be a way for those not in the database to sign up.

Will the winners' names be public?

That's not yet known, Tierney said, but is unlikely.

## How do you know if you are eligible for the full-ride public college scholarships?

DeWine said 12- to 17-year-olds can sign up for the scholarship drawing via an electronic portal that will open May 18.

## When are the full-ride public college scholarship drawings being held?

Drawings will be held for five straight Wednesdays starting May 26 to select one student to receive the scholarship, which will cover tuition, room-

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