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Wayne County residents are approaching 60 percent level for COVID-19 vaccinations

Just under 60 percent of all eligible Wayne County residents have now received at least one vaccination against COVID-19, county health strategist Dr. Mouhanad Hammami said today in his bi-weekly appearance before Wayne County Commissioners.

Speaking to members of the Health and Human Services Committee, Dr. Hammami said more than 500,000 vaccinations have been given, covering roughly 59 percent of eligible county residents. Those figures do not include residents of Detroit, which compiles its own statistics.

Nearly half, or 49.3 percent of out-county residents are now fully vaccinated, compared with 45.2 percent statewide and 25.7 percent in the city.

At the same time, the number of new cases dropped to 762 over the past week, the first time that case weekly case level fell below 1,000 since the week of Feb. 21.

“Wayne County continues to make progress in getting residents vaccinated and seeing the number of COVID cases decline,” said Commissioner Monique Baker McCormick, who chairs the committee. “These numbers show that vaccines do work.”

Despite the positive news, Dr. Hammami cautioned that vaccinations must continue to increase for the county to reach the 75 percent level health experts say is necessary to reach herd immunity against COVID-19. Case numbers might again spike should the county fall short of that level, Dr. Hammami said.

Dr. Hammami’s comments are available on the Wayne County Commission Facebook page. Information on how to be vaccinated is available on the Wayne County website, www.waynecounty.com.