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## Best time to get a flu shot, and other flu season info

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The COVID-19 pandemic continues on as we head into the colder months, but there's also another seasonal illness to remember: the flu.

Flu vaccines and nasal sprays have been available for protection against strains of the virus since the summer, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people should be vaccinated by the end of October for the best protection this season.

Last year, activity for the 2020-21 flu season was unusually low, with the CDC postulating vaccines and

COVID-19 mitigation measures, including wearing face masks, staying home, hand washing, school closures, increased ventilation of indoor spaces, reduced travel and physical distancing may have contributed to the decline in illness, hospitalization and deaths from the flu virus.

Additionally, a record number of flu vaccine doses were given in the U.S. during 2020 and 2021 – 193.8 million doses.

Here's what you need to know about the flu, and flu vaccines, this season.

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District Leaders at CVS Health Jennifer Rudell and Rob Muse go through CVS' process to receive vaccinations for both COVID-19 and flu shots as Muse receives a flu shot. PHIL DIDION/CINCINNATI ENQUIRER



Recently hired road deputies Brooke Schiets, left, Kalin Widman, and Hannah Dorsey represent a change in policing in Sandusky County as they are most female road deputies the agency has ever had at one time. CRAIG SHOUP/ THE NEWS-MESSENGER

## Ohio Court: Having drugs in your system isn't possession

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When Kelly Foreman's baby boy tested positive for cocaine after delivery, she got convicted of felony drug possession in Ohio's Seneca County.

The Ohio Supreme Court on Thursday tossed out the conviction, saying the presence of cocaine in her system at the time she gave birth wasn't sufficient to bring drug possession charges.

The ACLU of Ohio, which filed an amicus brief in Foreman's favor in the case, said the ruling has broad application.

The Supreme Court decided once someone takes a drug and it's inside their body, they don't have control over it so they don't 'possess' it.

"That ruling is not limited to pregnant women and newborns, it would apply to anyone," said ACLU of Ohio attorney David Carey.

Foreman, of the village of Green Spring, admitted she used cocaine six to 12 times during her pregnancy but challenged her conviction on the basis that the state failed to prove "venue" because there was no evidence that she possessed the drug in Seneca County.

Venue is key. Under the Ohio Constitution, the accused has a right to a speedy trial by an impartial jury "of the county in which the offense is alleged to have been committed." Evidence of proper venue is required to sustain a conviction, the high court found.

The prosecution argued that the positive drug test, Foreman's residency in Seneca County during pregnancy and her admission of drug use established that Seneca County was the proper venue.

The defense countered that a person can't possess a controlled substance once it has been assimilated into that person's body.

The ACLU of Ohio argued in its brief that charging someone with drug possession because of the mere presence of drugs within their systems amounts to cruel and unusual punishment. Such charges would have a chilling effect on individuals who may be seeking medical care.

Hospitals often screen newborns that show symptoms of drug withdrawal. That's what happened in Foreman's case.

Carey said the ACLU of Ohio is pleased with the ruling.

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## TRAILBLAZERS:

### Three women buck trend in male-dominated field

Craig Shoup Fremont News-Messenger | USA TODAY NETWORK

Editor's note: This is the first story in a three-part series.

Hannah Dorsey, Brooke Schiets and Kalin Widman are breaking the mold of what traditional law enforcement offices look like in a profession that has been dominated by white male employees for decades. • Following several high-profile police-involved shootings across the nation, there were outcries for reform for a profession dominated by white males. • The three women recently were hired by Chris Hilton, Sandusky County sheriff, as he and many other departments in Ohio are looking to diversify their law enforcement agencies. • The number of women in law enforcement national is woefully low, with women making up less than 13% of the total population of officers, according to a 2019 National Institute of Justice Report.

To combat a lack of diversity in policing, in 2015 the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division and the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission launched Advancing Diversity in Law Enforcement.

While diverse hiring is not new to the department, Hilton said the three women now patrolling roads is the most the agency ever

has had at one time.

#### Early test

During one of her first days as a road deputy, Widman was put to the test during a

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"I think girls need to see us. If they see us in the public, I think it will encourage them."

Hannah Dorsey  
Road deputy for Sandusky County Sheriff's Office

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