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COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Changes

Emergency mass vaccination scaled back as COVID-19 vaccine availability increases

KALAMAZOO, MI – The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department is scaling back local mass vaccination clinics held at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center. The health department will continue to provide COVID-19 vaccinations through smaller community clinics, homebound vaccinations coordinated through the Area Agency on Aging, and walk-in opportunities at the health department, located at 311 E. Alcott Street.

COVID-19 vaccine is now widely available, and there is less need for emergency distribution strategies such as mass vaccination sites.

Walk-in hours for COVID-19 vaccines at the health department include:

- Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

There is no cost to individuals for vaccination, no ID is required, and no appointment is needed. You will be able to select which vaccine brand you would like to receive: Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson.

COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for anyone 12 years or older. Anyone under 18 years old needs to be accompanied by a parent or guardian when being vaccinated.

A small grant has been awarded to the health department's Area Agency on Aging to assist in the delivery of in-home COVID-19 vaccinations to homebound individuals. The program is currently in the pilot phase. If a homebound individual is interested in participating in this program, they may call the COVID-19 Call Center at 269-373-5200 to be placed on a list. Please note that this grant is provided with limited funding, and placement on the list does not guarantee availability of the service.

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“As we continue our efforts to vaccinate as many of our residents as possible, we know that we need to implement new ways of getting shots in arms,” states Jim Rutherford, Kalamazoo County Health Officer. “While we have been extremely successful vaccinating the majority of our residents, we must continue to address barriers to vaccination. Smaller community based clinics are a great way to reach people in settings that they are comfortable in. We are also excited to be able to provide in-home vaccinations to homebound individuals through our grant funded pilot project.”

To date, 59.5% of Kalamazoo County residents over the age of 12 have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 53.9% have completed the vaccination series.

For a list of available vaccination options and search tools, visit www.kalcounty.com/covid19vaccine or www.vaccines.gov. The COVID-19 Call Center is available at 269-373-5200 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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