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Solano County Public Health hosts mass vaccination clinics for COVID-19 shots, including boosters

SOLANO COUNTY – The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health Division, in collaboration with California Health Medical Reserve Corps (CHMRC), Hammond Group, Kaiser Permanente, NorthBay Medical Center, Medic Ambulance, Solano County Emergency Medical Services, Solano County Fairgrounds, Solano Hearts and Touro University California, will host eight weeks of mass vaccination clinics starting on Wednesday, October 13 to provide the COVID-19 booster as well as first and second doses of the vaccine at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo.

"Booster shots offer additional protection for those who are immunocompromised or are at a higher risk for complications due to COVID-19", says Bela Matyas, M.D., M.P.H., Solano County Health Officer. "Those who are 65 years and older, residents of long-term care facilities, or are included in the CDC definition of <u>medical conditions</u> are **strongly encouraged** to get the booster shot to protect themselves, their families, and the community."

Booster shots will be provided to individuals who have received their initial Pfizer vaccination at least 6 months ago and are eligible according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Food and Drug Administration guidelines.

The mass vaccination clinics will operate Wednesday-Saturday from 9 a.m. -4 p.m., with the first day being Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Clinics are expected to be operational for a total of 8 weeks between October 13 and the middle of December, with closures the week of November 3 - 6 and November 24 - 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

REGISTERING TO GET BOOSTER OR FIRST/SECOND DOSE OF VACCINE:

To make an appointment at the vaccination clinic, eligible residents can sign up to for their Pfizer booster or their first/second dose with the Pfizer vaccine online at https://wx.phast-vax-ca.org/en-US/. Those requiring registration assistance, call (800) 672-0150. We hope to add Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (J&J/Janssen) for first/second dose vaccination soon.

MEDIA INVOLVEMENT:

The media is invited to attend, take photographs, and capture video and audio. The County Public Health Emergency Medical Services Coordinator, Ben Gammon, will be on site to answer any questions you might have. Please arrive on Wednesday, October 13 any time between 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Solano County Fairgrounds, located at 900 Fairgrounds Drive in Vallejo. The Solano County Fairgrounds was selected because of its ease of access, parking, space for conducting a large clinic and its familiarity to Solano County residents.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

- Homebound individuals interested in requesting an in-home vaccination appointment are encouraged to call the COVID-19 vaccine line at (707) 784-8655 for scheduling assistance
- Residents without transportation to and from vaccine sites hosted by Solano County are urged to call the COVID-19 vaccine line at (707) 784-8655 and arrange for a <u>free ride</u> through Uber.
- For vaccine clinic updates and upcoming vaccine clinics in Solano County, visit www.solanocounty.com/covidvaccine.
- For vaccine clinics available throughout the State, visit <u>www.myturn.ca.gov</u> or <u>www.vaccines.gov</u>
- For the most recent local COVID-19 health information, including the number of COVID-19 cases in Solano County as reflected on the COVID-19 dashboard, visit <u>www.SolanoCounty.com/COVID19</u> and on Facebook at <u>www.Facebook.com/SolanoCountyPH</u> (@SolanoCountyPH).