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Regional Vaccination Tour Throughout the Fox Valley Begins June 29 **New vaccine clinics give rural communities better access to COVID-19 vaccine**

OSHKOSH, Wis. (June 24, 2021) – The public health departments from Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago counties have joined together to make access to the COVID-19 vaccine more convenient in rural areas. Through a partnership with the Wisconsin National Guard, the health departments have organized a Regional Vaccine Tour to provide weekly COVID-19 vaccination clinics starting June 29 at various locations throughout the Fox Valley region.

“We are excited to work alongside the Wisconsin National Guard to bring additional vaccination opportunities to some of our more rural areas,” stated Shelley Brown-Giebel, emergency preparedness specialist for the Winnebago County Health Department. “Our hope with this new vaccination program is to continue reaching as many people as we can, in as many ways as we can.”

The Regional Vaccine Tour will run weekly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at two different locations per day. The schedule is detailed below.

Tuesdays - Winnebago County

- Nekimi Town Hall, 3790 Pickett Road, Oshkosh, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Fox Crossing Fire Department, 1326 Cold Spring Road, Neenah, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays - Outagamie County

- Black Creek Fire Department, W5200 County Road B, Black Creek, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Shiocton-Bovina Fire Department, W7740 Pine Street, Shiocton, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays - Calumet County

- *New Holstein Community Center, 1725 Silver Moon Lane, New Holstein, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- *Brillion Community Center, 120 Center Street, Brillion, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
*Please note: Persons with a history of severe allergic reactions will not be vaccinated at the New Holstein or Brillion clinic locations.

Other important clinic details:

- The COVID-19 vaccine is free and available to anyone 12 years and older.
- Appointments are not required.
- Anyone under the age of 18 needs to have a parent/guardian present.
- Free transportation is available for residents of Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet Counties who need assistance to or from COVID-19 vaccine clinics. Please call Make the Ride Happen at 920-225-1719, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

- At this time, the Regional Vaccine Tour is scheduled to run through August 20, but may be adjusted according to demand.
- Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccines will be available during each clinic. Johnson & Johnson/Janssen is a one-dose vaccination. Pfizer is a two-dose vaccination series.
- Participants will be considered fully vaccinated 14 days following the completion of their vaccination series.
- Pfizer is currently the only vaccine approved for individuals aged 12 years and older.

“As we continue our planning and efforts in support of COVID-19 vaccination, it is important to note the more people in our communities that are vaccinated, the more we can continue on the path to safely doing the activities we love,” said JP Heim, Emergency Preparedness Planner for Outagamie County Public Health.

Visit www.wcvaccine.org/regionaltour for a complete list of Regional Vaccine Tour locations and hours of operation.

If you have questions, please call your local public health department:

- Calumet County Public Health: 920-849-1432, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Outagamie County Public Health: 920-832-5100, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Winnebago County Health Department’s COVID-19 Hotline at 920-232-3026, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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