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## CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Central District Health Department (CDHD) is working with area schools to use all available COVID-19 vaccine within the week it arrives. CDHD held two large drive-through clinics this week for first doses for those in high-risk groups. Additionally, second doses were administered throughout the week. “We never want to end the week with remaining doses. We have created lists of those who are readily available so that we never leave a dose that we would need to discard because it expired,” explains Anderson. In order to move all remaining doses into the arms of those who are willing and ready to receive the doses, CDHD has reached out to schools, an integral part of Phase 1B.

Anderson states, “Grand Island Public Schools reached out to us today around 4pm and offered their space for administration of vaccine. With 400 remaining doses, we need a larger space to assure social distancing while we monitor those receiving doses for 15 minutes following the shot.” The larger facility provides the perfect setting.

CDHD will continue to work within existing guidance from DHHS on prioritization of doses while assuring that each dose available is given within a 5-day time frame. “We are fortunate to have such a strong community collaboration.” Anderson adds, “We are deep in this pandemic and we have learned that we do our best work when we all work together. We are determined to keep our schools open through May and we will work with our school communities to make this a reality.”

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