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CDHD CONTINUES TO RECEIVE ENOUGH COVID-19 VACCINE TO MEET THE GROWING DEMANDS AND EXPANDING AGE GROUPS

CDHD continues to receive adequate vaccine. “Today, we begin vaccinating area residents who are age 18 and older. We expect to have enough doses going forward so that all who seek to be vaccinated,” explains Anderson. CDHD is working with area schools this week to provide doses to high school students who are at least 18 years of age and have written consent from a parent or guardian. School administration will collect signed consent forms and serve as sites for vaccination clinics. In Nebraska, parental or guardian consent for vaccination is required for anyone under age 19.”

Anderson adds, “The majority of our vaccine is Pfizer which at this time is the one vaccine approved for ages 16 and up. When the time comes to reach out to a younger group, we will be ready. We also have Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) which are approved for ages 18 and up.”

CDHD will continue to provide mass Pfizer vaccination clinics each Thursday at the Grand Island Field House at Fonner Park from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm through April. At these weekly clinics, CDHD along with partners and volunteers can give around 400 shots per hour. Pfizer doses are given 21 days apart, and there is no need for an appointment for either first or second doses at the Field House clinic. However, if the first shot was given through a pharmacy program, arrangements for the second shot should be with that same pharmacy. Also, CDHD advises the reminder phone calls will not be made going forward. “We are finding that once people know when and where the clinics are being held, they come. The phone calls were actually a bit confusing, so we are no longer calling people,” states Anderson, and adds, “We will find better ways to communicate clinic sites and times, so that people can plan in advance. We will be planning evening and weekend clinics starting next week and will be posting that schedule soon.”

CDHD has begun going to worksites to provide COVID-19 vaccinations similar to what they do with annual flu shots. Any employer interested in an onsite clinic can call CDHD to schedule. According to the Nebraska COVID-19 vaccination dashboard, 24% of the district’s residents are fully vaccinated. “We have given a lot of COVID-19 shots, but we need to give many, many more!”

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