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By Appointment Only: Drive-Through Vaccination Clinics for Age 80+ Residents

Central District Health Department in partnership with Fonner Park and CHI Saint Francis Medical Center is holding a drive-through COVID-19 vaccination clinic for Hall County residents at Fonner Park on Thursday, February 4, 2021 by appointment only. “Last week we held a clinic in Merrick County in partnership with Merrick Medical Center Bryan Health where we vaccinated over 200 Merrick County residents who were in the prioritized age group, and yesterday we held a clinic in Hamilton County in partnership with Memorial Community Health where nearly 275 doses were administered. This week our plan is to give nearly all of our doses to those age 80+ at these clinics. Next week, we will start calling residents who are 70+ for their appointment at Fonner on February 11, 2021,” explains Anderson. “We started with age 90+ and are working in reverse order down to age 65.

“We are concerned that the weather tomorrow is going to be cold and windy tomorrow with a chance for both snow and ice, so we are looking at how best to modify our process, but we are determined to get the vaccine given” states Anderson.

CDHD received approximately 1200 doses this week. The goal is to have all doses in arms by the end of each week. CDHD is working closely with all 4 area hospitals, and will soon be partnering with Grand Island Professional Fire Fighters, Reynolds Foundation, Glade Foundation, and Dari Motion.

CDHD asks for continued patience as they move through Phase 1B, vaccinating as many people as quickly as possible. CDHD had its own registration form but is now using the state’s vaccination portal found at Vaccinate.NE.Gov and can also be accessed from the CDHD website at: cdhd.ne.gov. Vaccine registration assistance is available from the state by calling the toll-free number: 833-998-2275.

While the vaccine is rolling out, CDHD advises the community to continue to practice protective measures including frequent and thorough handwashing, staying home when ill, observing social distancing, and wearing a mask to prevent the spread of COVID virus, including new emerging variant strains.

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