

Urgent News Release #16

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FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC OFFERED IN RICHLAND COUNTY

Richland Center, WI: Richland County Health & Human Services in partnership with the Richland Hospital and Richland County Emergency Management will be offering FREE COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics at the Richland Center Community/Senior Center, 1050 N. Orange Street:

Tuesday, March 23rd from 8:30am-4:30pm
Specifically for those listed as “currently eligible”

Wednesday, March 24th from 8:30am-4:30pm
Specifically for those listed as “currently eligible”

Individuals who received their 1st vaccine dose on February 24th and March 3rd are
REMINDING THAT THEY ARE PRE-SCHEDULED TO GET THEIR 2ND
VACCINE DOSE DURING THE WEDNESDAY CLINIC.

Richland County citizens who are “currently eligible” to receive the vaccine starting March 22nd are:

Individuals age 16 & older with the following medical conditions:

- Asthma (moderate-to-severe)
- Cancer
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Diabetes
- Down syndrome
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Hypertension or high blood pressure
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
- Liver disease
- Neurologic conditions, such as intellectual disabilities and dementia
- Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30-39 kg/m²)
- Overweight (BMI of 25-29 kg/m²)
- Pregnancy
- Pulmonary fibrosis (having damaged or scarred lung tissues)
- Severe Obesity (BMI 40 kg/m² or more)
- Sickle cell disease
- Thalassemia (a type of blood disorder)

Other Currently Eligible Groups:

- Front Line Healthcare Worker
- Police Officer
- Sheriff Department
- Fire Department
- Age 65+
- Corrections Personnel
- Funeral Home Worker
- Education
- Regulated Child Care Providers
- Medicaid Long Term Care Program
- 911 operators
- Utility and communications infrastructure
- Public Transit
- Farmer or farm employee
- On-site support to agricultural operations
- Food production worker
- Grocery store, convenience store workers and restaurant worker.
- Hunger relief personnel
- Non-frontline health care
- Lives in employer based housing
- Resident of housing that serves the elderly or those with disabilities
- Transitional housing or shelter
- Judges, prosecutor and district attorney

To schedule, “currently eligible” individuals listed above should go to the Richland Hospital website at www.richlandhospital.com/covid19, click on the “Schedule your Appointment Here” button, and then select a future clinic date at the “Community Center” location. Once scheduled, individuals should arrive to their appointment only 5 minutes early - MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED. We will be administering either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines which require two doses. If you receive the Pfizer vaccine, the second dose will need to be administered 21 days after the administering of the first dose. If you receive the Moderna vaccine, the second dose will need to be administered 28 days after the administering of

the first dose. Your second dose appointment will be scheduled immediately after receiving your first dose. While this vaccination is not required, it is highly recommended, and will be provided at no out-of-pocket cost to you.

If you have any questions or require scheduling assistance, please contact Richland County Health & Human Services at **608-647-8821**. Up to date information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and the progression of phases in Richland County can be found on following sites, as well as by listening to WRCO:

Richland County Health & Human Services

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rchhs>

Website <https://covid.co.richland.wi.us/vaccine-information/>

The Richland Hospital

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/RichlandHospital>

Website www.richlandhospital.com

Richland County residents are encouraged to sign-up for NIXLE alerts by texting 53581 to 888777 or go to www.nixle.com to sign-up to receive emails. You will then receive up-to-date alerts regarding local COVID testing sites and clinics, severe weather, public safety, criminal activities, missing persons, traffic issues, and local events.

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