

Urgent News Release #36

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GET VACCINATED IN TIME FOR SCHOOL

Richland Center, WI: Richland County Health & Human Services Public Health Manager/Local Health Officer, Rose Kohout encourages anyone age 12 and older to get their COVID-19 vaccination now, so they will be protected against COVID-19 in time for the 2021-2022 school year. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is also making this recommendation. For children ages 12 and up, the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is the only vaccine currently available for this age group. The Pfizer vaccine requires two doses, spaced 21 days apart.

Anyone ages 18 and up is eligible for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, which also requires two doses, spaced 28 days apart. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is also authorized for those ages 18 years and up, but only requires one dose.

Full protection against the virus requires an additional two weeks after receiving the final dose.

In order to be fully vaccinated by September 6th, your child should receive their:

- First dose of the Pfizer by August 2nd
- Johnson & Johnson by August 23rd
- First dose of the Moderna by July 26th

Richland County Health & Human Services and Richland County Emergency Management will be offering a FREE COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at Ithaca Schools, 26415 State Highway 58, Richland Center, WI on:

Monday, August 2nd from 3PM-6PM
1st Pfizer Dose for ALL Wisconsinites 12+
& For 2nd Dose Pfizer Individuals
(Walk-Ins Only)

If you are unable to attend on August 2nd, we highly recommend that you begin the vaccination process at your earliest convenience.

Richland County Health & Human Services and Richland County Emergency Management will be offering its weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at The Richland High School, 1996 US Highway 14, Richland Center, WI on:

Wednesday, August 4th from 8:30am-4:30pm
1st Pfizer Dose for ALL Wisconsinites 12+
& For 2nd Dose Pfizer Individuals
(Scheduled and Walk-Ins)

(NEW) **To schedule** for the August 4th clinic, currently eligible individuals should call Health and Human Services at 608-647-8821. Once scheduled, individuals should arrive to their appointment only 5 minutes early - MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED. We will be administering the Pfizer vaccine which requires two doses, and the second dose will need to be administered 21 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.

Populations who are now “currently eligible” to receive the vaccine includes ALL WISCONSINITES 12+.

The following vaccine clinic partners are currently offering vaccines in Richland County:

- The Richland Hospital and Clinics offers COVID-19 vaccinations **during normal business hours**. Currently eligible populations will be offered a vaccine during hospital or clinic appointments. **Walk-in requests are accepted**. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-1820.
- Richland County Health & Human Services and Richland County Emergency Management offers FREE COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics at the Richland Center High School weekly on **Wednesdays from 8:30am-4:30pm and walk-ins will be accepted**. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-8821.
- Center Pharmacy welcomes walk-ins for COVID-19 vaccinations at their new location on Orange Street **Monday through Fridays from 9:00am-5:00pm**. No appointment is necessary.

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 informational emails. You will then receive up-to-date alerts regarding local COVID testing sites and vaccination clinics, severe weather, public safety, criminal activities, missing persons, traffic issues, and local events.

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