

Urgent News Release #189

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RICHLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERS REINSTATE WEEKLY EOC BRIEFINGS

Richland Center, WI: A virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) meeting was held today to share information between Richland County officials and community partners in a joint response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was determined that these weekly meetings would be reinstated to discuss the situation and offer updates to the public.

Public Health Manager/Local Health Officer, Rose Kohout announced that as of 2:00pm Wednesday, August 18th the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) confirmed that in the state of Wisconsin there were 641,548 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 7,499 COVID-19 related deaths. In Richland County, Kohout announced that there are 1,390 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 8,421 have tested negative. Richland County Public Health now has 33 active cases, 96 individuals have been hospitalized at some point, and there were 16 COVID-19 related deaths.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services reports that as of today 51.6% of Richland County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 48.7% are fully vaccinated. Richland County citizens age 65 and older who have received at least

one dose totals 80.5% and 78.1% are fully vaccinated. The up-to-date COVID-19 vaccine data can be found at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm#summary>.

The following updates were announced regarding COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, and booster vaccinations availability in the county:

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

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 Clinic** offers Walk-In COVID-19 vaccinations:

Mondays from 8am-5pm
Tuesdays from 8:30-10:30am
Fridays from 8am-5pm

Currently eligible populations will also be offered a vaccine during hospital or clinic appointments. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-1820.

- **The Spring Green Medical Center and Muscoda Health Center** offers Walk-In COVID-19 vaccinations and also offers vaccines during clinic appointments.
- **Richland County Health & Human Services and Emergency Management** offers FREE Walk-In COVID-19 vaccinations:

Wednesdays from 8:30am-4:30pm
August 25th at the Richland Center High School
September 1st and ongoing at a NEW LOCATION
Richland County Health & Human Services
221 W. Seminary Street, Richland Center

To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-8821.

- **The Center Pharmacy** offers Walk-In COVID-19 vaccinations at their new location on Orange Street. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-8918.

COVID-19 TESTING

The following partners are currently offering COVID-19 testing in Richland County:

- **The Richland Hospital and Clinic** offers Walk-In COVID-19 testing to symptomatic individuals or those who have been exposed to COVID-19 only. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-1820.
- **Richland County Health & Human Services and Emergency Management** will begin offering FREE Drive-thru COVID-19 testing to asymptomatic individuals (preferred) on Mondays starting August 30th from 9-11am at the Richland County Fairgrounds.
- **The Center Pharmacy** offers COVID-19 testing to asymptomatic individuals (preferred) from 9-11:30am daily. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-8918.

COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINATIONS

Populations who are now “currently eligible” to receive the COVID-19 booster vaccine includes moderately or severely immunocompromised people 12 years and older. The following vaccine clinic partners are currently offering booster vaccines in Richland County:

- **The Richland Hospital and Clinic** offers Walk-In COVID-19 booster vaccinations:

Mondays from 8am-5pm
Tuesdays from 8:30-10:30am
Fridays from 8am-5pm

Currently eligible populations will also be offered a booster vaccine during hospital or clinic appointments. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-1820.

- **The Spring Green Medical Center and Muscoda Health Center** offers COVID-19 booster vaccinations during clinic appointments.
- **The Center Pharmacy** offers Walk-In COVID-19 booster vaccinations at their new location on Orange Street. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-8918.

Richland County Community Partners discussed priority topics to assist with preventing the further transmission of COVID-19 in our community. For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information, follow Richland County Health & Human Services on Facebook or consult the following websites:

- ❖ Richland County:
<https://covid.co.richland.wi.us>
- ❖ Wisconsin Department of Health Services:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- ❖ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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