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RICHLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERS REVIEW WEEKLY COVID-19 VACCINATION & TESTING EFFORTS

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. Health & Human Services Director, Tracy Thorsen announced that as of 2:00pm Wednesday, October 13th the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) confirmed that in the state of Wisconsin there were 759,278 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 8,217 COVID-19 related deaths. In Richland County, Thorsen announced that there were 1,931 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 9,325 have tested negative, and there were 20 COVID-19 related deaths. Richland County Public Health now has 188 active cases and 128 individuals have been hospitalized at some point.

Emergency Management Director, Darin Gudgeon announced the number of individuals tested at COVID-19 community testing events held weekly at the Richland County Fairgrounds. On October 7th 63 individuals were tested and another 47 individuals were tested on October 11th. The results of those 110 tests will be included in the appropriate county's totals once they are received and verified.

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The Wisconsin Department of Health Services reports that as of today 54.7% of Richland County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 52.5% are fully vaccinated. Richland County citizens age 65 and older who have received at least one dose totals 81.0%.   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, additional doses, booster doses and testing efforts in Richland County:

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS, ADDITIONAL DOSES & BOOSTER DOSES

The CDC & DHS are now recommending that certain eligibility groups receive a booster dose of Pfizer **at least 6 months after** receiving their second dose of Pfizer. The complete list of those eligible for additional doses and booster doses can be found at: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-dose.htm.   The following partners are offering vaccine clinics in Richland County:

- **Richland County Health & Human Services and Emergency Management** offers FREE COVID-19 vaccinations at Richland County Health & Human Services, 221 W. Seminary Street, Richland Center:

    Wednesdays from 8:30am-4:30pm

    Pfizer booster doses will be offered BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-649-5795.

- **The Boscobel Pharmacy** offers COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations at 1028 Wisconsin Avenue, Boscobel EVERY DAY. APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED. Walk-ins based upon supply and wait times vary depending upon staffing levels. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-375-4466.

- **The Center Pharmacy** offers COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations at 190 N. Orange Street, Richland Center EVERY DAY. APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED. Walk-ins based upon supply and wait times vary depending upon staffing levels. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-8918.

- **The Richland Hospital and Clinic** offers COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations:

    Monday – Friday from 9am-5pm

    Pfizer booster doses and Influenza vaccinations will be offered BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-6321.

- **The Spring Green Medical Center** offers COVID-19 vaccinations, Pfizer booster doses and Influenza vaccinations during clinic appointments. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-588-7413.

- **The Muscoda Health Center** offers COVID-19 vaccinations, Pfizer booster doses and Influenza vaccinations during clinic appointments. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-739-3113.

COVID-19 TESTING

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

- **The Richland Hospital and Clinic** only offers COVID-19 testing from 8am-5pm Monday-Friday to symptomatic individuals or those who have been exposed to COVID-19. Testing on Saturday-Sunday will be evaluated and performed if deemed appropriate by the Emergency Room or Urgent Care Clinic provider. APPOINTMENTS & MASKS ARE REQUIRED. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-6321.

- **The Center Pharmacy/Boscobel Pharmacy** only offers COVID-19 testing to asymptomatic individuals without symptoms or exposure that need a test for school, work or travel from 9-11am Monday-Friday. APPOINTMENTS & MASKS ARE REQUIRED. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-8918 or 608-375-4466.

- **FREE Drive-thru COVID-19 PCR Testing** to anyone, regardless of symptoms or residency. EVERYONE IN THE VEHICLE, EVEN THOSE NOT BEING TESTED, SHOULD BE WEARING A MASK. PLEASE PRE-REGISTER PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov.

    The following schedule was announced:

Thursday, October 14th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	National Guard Event
Monday, October 18th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Thursday, October 21st	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	National Guard Event
Monday, October 25th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Thursday, October 28th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	National Guard Event
Monday, November 1st	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Thursday, November 4th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	National Guard Event
Monday, November 8th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, November 15th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Thursday, November 18th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, November 22nd	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event

Monday, November 29th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Thursday, December 2nd	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, December 6th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Thursday, December 9th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event

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.

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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