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Update on McLeod County Public Health's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan for its Residents

McLeod County Public Health understands how hard it is to wait for the COVID-19 vaccine. We want to prepare you as much as possible so you are ready for when it's your turn. You can learn more about who we are vaccinating each week on our McLeod County Public Health Department webpage here:

https://www.co.mcleod.mn.us/government/departments/public_health/index.php

McLeod County Public Health is currently getting limited doses of the COVID-19 vaccine each week from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Up until this point, we have been working diligently to vaccinate those in all three priority groups of Phase 1A following the [state's vaccination plan](#). Unfortunately, we don't know if or how many doses we will receive until the week prior, which is why we can only plan clinics a few days in advance. We hope to open up our COVID-19 vaccination clinics to the 65 and older population in the next few weeks and we want you to be prepared.

How will McLeod County Public Health Department inform the public when appointments for the 65 and older population are available?

- We will share a press release to the following places:
 - Our webpage: https://www.co.mcleod.mn.us/government/departments/public_health/index.php
 - Facebook: [McLeod County Public Health](#) ("like" our page to stay up to date)
 - Local news sources (The McLeod County Chronicle, Hutchinson Leader, and local radio stations)
- Call our COVID-19 information line at 320-484-4369 (updated Monday through Friday)

What will the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics look like for McLeod County Residents?

- Where will the COVID-19 vaccination clinics be held?
 - Clinics are currently being held at the McLeod County Government Center at 520 Chandler Ave. North in Glencoe, MN
 - Elevator is available
- When are COVID-19 vaccination clinics held?
 - Typically, Tuesdays and Thursdays. This may vary week to week, depending on how many doses we get each week from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).
- If I get scheduled for my first COVID-19 vaccine, when will my next one be?
 - Public Health currently is receiving the Moderna vaccine, so the second vaccine will be given 28 days later. Your 2nd dose will be scheduled at your 1st dose appointment.
- Are walk-in appointments available for the COVID-19 vaccine?
 - No, you MUST have an appointment.
- What will I need to sign up for a COVID-19 vaccination?
 - Access to the internet

McLeod County Government Center

520 Chandler Avenue North, Glencoe MN 55336

Public Health: 320.864.3185 | Social Services: 320.864.3144 or 1.800.247.1756

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- A computer, tablet, or smartphone to register for an appointment
- An email address to confirm your appointment
- What if I don't have these things?
 - Check with your family and friends first to see if they can help.
 - McLeod County is working to create a phone line option for persons who are unable to sign up online. More information will be shared when it is available.

Trailblazer Transit is offering Free Rides to the Vaccination Clinics.

Trailblazer Transit will be offering transportation at no cost to customers for any rides related to a COVID-19 vaccination. Caretakers and children may also ride along at no cost. Customers will need to coordinate with their health care providers or the vaccination clinics to schedule the appointments for the vaccines and then contact Trailblazer to schedule the transportation. Rides for vaccinations are scheduled subject to bus availability and are coordinated with other rides in normal fashion. Trailblazer Transit may extend hours into the evening or add hours on Saturdays for the purpose of providing COVID-19 vaccination transportation. Please call toll-free 1-888-743-3828 to ask any questions and to schedule your transportation. The buses are clean, safe, and comfortable. Masks are required on the bus and social distancing policies are in effect.

Local Healthcare Providers are doing their part too.

Our healthcare partners are all playing vital roles in getting the COVID-19 vaccinations out to the community.

- To learn more about what Hutchinson Health is doing, check here: <https://www.healthpartners.com/covid-19/vaccine-fags/>
- To learn more about what Glencoe Regional Health is doing, check here: <https://grhsonline.org/touching-lives/covid-19-vaccinations/>
- To learn more about what Ridgeview is doing, check here: <https://www.ridgeviewmedical.org/care-treatment/infectious-disease-care/coronaviruscovid-19/covid-19-vaccination-information/>
- To find out who else is offering COVID-19 vaccinations, visit: <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/locations/index.jsp>

Until it's your time to get a COVID-19 vaccine, please continue to do your part by slowing the spread of COVID-19: Wear a mask, wash your hands often, stay 6 feet away from other people, and stay home if you are sick. Doing all of these things will help keep people healthy until a vaccine is widely available.