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Regional Vaccination Tour Extends Through September 2 at Five Locations **Tour continues to provides rural communities better access to COVID-19 vaccine**

OSHKOSH, Wis. (August 20, 2021) – After initial success, the Regional Vaccine Tour, a partnership with the Wisconsin National Guard and the public health departments from Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago counties, will be extended an additional two weeks at five of the locations. The tour, which now continues until September 2nd, focuses on making access to the COVID-19 vaccine more convenient in rural areas throughout the Fox Valley region.

"Cases are on the rise and vaccination is our best way to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and the Delta variant," stated Doug Gieryn, director/health office for the Winnebago County Health Department. "We also continue to encourage everyone, vaccinated and unvaccinated, to mask up in all indoor public settings and crowded outdoor venues."

"As the Delta variant continues its spread in our county, region and state, it is more urgent than ever to get vaccinated. We are asking everyone to continue to do their part in our communities to help stop the transmission," said Natalie Vandeveld, public health officer/manager for Outagamie County Public Health. "Vaccination continues to be our best tool against COVID-19. They are safe, effective against hospitalization and death, and are available throughout our communities at sites like these or through pharmacies and healthcare providers."

The Regional Vaccine Tour runs weekly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at different locations each day. The schedule is detailed below.

Tuesdays - Winnebago County

- Fox Crossing Fire Department, 1326 Cold Spring Road, Neenah, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays - Outagamie County

- Black Creek Fire Department, W5200 County Road B, Black Creek, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Shiocton-Bovina Fire Department, W7740 Pine Street, Shiocton, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays - Calumet County

- *New Holstein Community Center, 1725 Silver Moon Lane, New Holstein, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- *Brillion Community Center, 120 Center Street, Brillion, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
*Please note: Persons with a history of severe allergic reactions will not be vaccinated at the New Holstein or Brillion clinic locations.

Other important clinic details:

- The COVID-19 vaccine is free and available to anyone 12 years and older.

- Appointments are not required.
- Anyone under the age of 18 needs to have a parent/guardian present.
- Free transportation is available for residents of Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet Counties who need assistance to or from COVID-19 vaccine clinics. Please call Make the Ride Happen at 920-225-1719, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will be available during each clinic. Johnson & Johnson vaccine may be available at some, but not all locations. All vaccines are subject to availability.
- Participants will be considered fully vaccinated 14 days following the completion of their vaccination series.
- Pfizer is currently the only vaccine approved for individuals ages 12 to 17.
- Third doses for those eligible may not be available at all locations. Please call your local health department for more information.

Visit www.wcvaccine.org/regionaltour for a complete list of Regional Vaccine Tour locations and hours of operation.

If you have questions, please call your local public health department:

- Calumet County Public Health: 920-849-1432, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Outagamie County Public Health: 920-832-5100, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Winnebago County Health Department's COVID-19 Hotline at 920-232-3026, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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