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WAUKESHA COUNTY EXPO CENTER COMMUNITY VACCINATION CLINIC WILL ADMINISTER 1,000 VACCINES TODAY

(Waukesha, WI) – Today the Waukesha County Expo Center community vaccination clinic will administer 1,000 COVID-19 vaccines to eligible individuals on its first full day of independent operations. On Monday the clinic administered 328 vaccines in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' mobile vaccination unit.

“Waukesha County is vaccinating our public as quickly and safely as possible,” said Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow. “Our biggest limitation is access to vaccines. However, supply is increasing, and our operations are designed to grow along with it. Waukesha County has more than 70 registered vaccinators who are ready to join this historic community effort when the vaccine arrives.”

Individuals being vaccinated today are a combination of all eligible groups, as defined by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). In the near future, vaccination at clinics in Waukesha County are expected to fully shift operations to individuals 65 and older as Phase 1A vaccination nears completion.

While the site has the capacity to administer 7,000 vaccines per week, operations are scheduled according to the number of doses of vaccine available. When vaccine supplies grow, the clinic will aim to complete 10,000 vaccinations per week. Vaccinations at the county-run clinic are only available to individuals who receive the county's vaccine update email and have been contacted to register and schedule an appointment. The site will not be open for “drop in” clients.

When the state opens vaccination to additional eligible groups, the Expo Center will serve as a central point to conduct coordinated vaccination of those populations. Healthcare partners will also continue to vaccinate eligible individuals who are connected to Waukesha County healthcare organizations.

Residents Can Sign Up for Weekly Vaccination Updates

Waukesha County residents can sign up to receive a weekly communication about COVID-19 and vaccination information. These updates will go out every Thursday, after the Vaccine Data tab on Waukesha County's COVID-19 dashboard is updated. Residents can sign up by texting WAUKESHA to the number 22828 or by visiting www.waukeshacounty.gov/COVID19.

Waukesha County continues assisting organizations that are interested in becoming registered vaccinators. Organizations that want to be connected to vaccine or help with the vaccination effort can find more information at www.waukeshacounty.gov/covidvaccine.

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