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Kalamazoo County COVID-19 Update

KALAMAZOO, MI – The following is an update from the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department (KCHCSD) for COVID19-related information:

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Hours

KCHCSD continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines at the health department, located at 311 E. Alcott Street. Hours have been extended to Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There is no cost to individuals for vaccination, no ID is required, and no appointment is needed. You will be able to select which vaccine brand you would like to receive: Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson.

COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for anyone 12 years or older. Anyone under 18 years old needs to be accompanied by a parent or guardian when being vaccinated.

To date, 61% of Kalamazoo County residents over the age of 12 have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 57% have completed the vaccination series.

Homebound COVID-19 Vaccinations

The Kalamazoo County Area Agency on Aging was awarded a grant to provide COVID-19 Vaccines to the homebound population living in Kalamazoo County. To Schedule a homebound vaccine appointment, please call 269-373-5239 or check the health department's website, www.kalcounty.com/covid19vaccine for availability. Limited RSVPs available. Homebound Criteria: Individual who is normally unable to leave the home unassisted, and for whom leaving takes considerable and taxing effort.

COVID-19 Website Information

Community Vaccine Clinics

KCHCSD has started to include available community vaccine clinic options on the website www.kalcounty.com/covid19vaccine under the Calendar & Events section on the right-hand side. People may also find where to locate a COVID-19 vaccine by visiting www.vaccines.gov. The COVID-19 Call Center is also available at 269-373-5200 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to assist with questions.

Report Out of State or Veterans Affairs (VA) Office Vaccinations

If you were vaccinated in another state or at the VA Office and want to make sure "your vaccination counts here in Kalamazoo County," you may now complete an online form with the health department. This will allow your vaccination information to be entered into the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR). After completing the form, the health department staff will contact you within two weeks to collect additional information. If you are unable to complete the online form, call 269-373-5200 and select the option for the COVID-19 Call Center for assistance. Veterans who receive care at a non-VA primary care office can also contact their personal physician to update their records. If you have registered for the MI Shot to Win Sweepstakes, you will not be eligible to win unless your vaccination is registered within MCIR. Contact the local health department or your non-VA primary care provider so your vaccination can be entered into the MCIR database, where verification of vaccination status will be pulled. Register for the Shot to Win sweepstakes at www.mishottowin.com. The first round of winners will be announced this week

• COVID-19 Vaccination Card Replacement

If you have lost or misplaced your COVID-19 Vaccine Card, then you can request a copy of your immunization records from your primary care provider (doctor's office) or the health department by completing an <u>online form</u>. The health department cannot replace your COVID-10 Vaccine Card, but your official immunization records will document information about the vaccines received.

County Data Dashboards

The health department will be making changes to the COVID-19 data dashboards by linking directly to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) COVID-19 Data Dashboard. The MDHHS COVID-19 Data Dashboard includes county-specific data for cases and deaths, including county-level demographics. This website change is occurring to make data more accessible for Kalamazoo County residents by having one resource to locate information, reduce duplication of the same data information publicly displayed, and better utilize county resources. The county health department already links directly to the MDHHS COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard for vaccine administered information. The health department encourages residents to visit both MDHHS COVID-19 dashboards for state and county specific information.

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